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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Long time restaurant  
employee murdered in  
robbery**

**EAST ORANGE** — A 27-year-old former employee of Wendy's Restaurant in East Orange was charged with the murder of the restaurant's day manager Tanyl Benedicta.

Christopher Clark, Newark resident who was recently fired by Benedicta for poor performance, was arraigned on charges that he beat and stabbed Benedicta after she opened the franchise early on the morning of Monday, September 28. A native of the African nation of Cameroon, Benedicta, who worked at the franchise store for nearly 10 years, had no known relatives in the area. Tanyl Natto, spokeswoman for the Willowbrook Inn, the company that owns the Wendy's franchise, says the company is attempting to contact her family and is accepting expressions of sympathy. All condolences should be sent to F. Natto, Wendy's Willowbrook Inn, 1534 Route 25 North, Wayne, NJ 07470.

**Winfrey won't pay for  
Monica revelations**

**CHICAGO** — Sticking to her policy of never paying for interviews, talk show host Oprah Winfrey, canceled an interview with presidential paramour Monica Lewinsky.

Winfrey thought she had an exclusive interview, but an hour later Lewinsky's people called back and started talking about who owned rights and what a tape of the interview in international markets. Although sympathetic to the former intern, Winfrey said, "My feeling was giving up the rights was just someone else paying the check."

**A 2nd try for an  
Empowerment Zone**

**NEWARK** — Newark is making a second attempt to secure designation as a federal Empowerment Zone, an award that would mean \$100 million in federal loans and tax credits.

In 1993, the city unsuccessfully applied for the Empowerment Zone designation. This year, Newark is competing for one of 15 possible designations that will become available when Congress appropriates money for the program. The designation will also allow the city to issue \$130 in tax-exempt bonds.

**Surgery for Yankee  
Strawberry**

**NEW YORK** — New York Yankee outfielder Darryl Strawberry is expected to make a complete recovery from colon cancer. Strawberry, 36, had surgery to remove a walnut-sized malignant tumor last Saturday.

A player who won World Series Titles with both the Yankees and the Mets, Strawberry is respectively overcoming problems with alcohol and drugs. "The only thing we can do at this point is pray and realize that some things we think of as important are really insignificant," said team manager Joe Torre.

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## Mfume speaks at state NAACP conference

By Deepthi Hajela  
Associated Press Writer

**SOUTH BRUNSWICK, (AP)** — An accused Supreme Court justice that is limiting opportunities with decisions such as those that curtail affirmative action and minority contracting poses the greatest threat to civil rights, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said Saturday.

Speaking at a press conference before a luncheon at the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP branches, Mfume said the court had been trying to turn back the clock on social advances for the last 10 years, picking up speed with the appointment of Justice Clarence Thomas.

"I don't have problems with judicial activism if I think it's trying to make America better by creating opportunity," Mfume said. "I do have a problem when it's attempting to rewrite social law as this court

has been doing."

He pointed to other decisions, such as one that said congressional districts could not be drawn to enhance power for minority candidates.

"Congressional districts have always been zigzagged... they've never looked like donuts," he said. "But it is this court in its judicial activism... that has narrowed the scope of equal opportunity."

Mfume said the court had made it so that "plaintiffs now must go from proving effects of discrimination to proving the intent of discrimination."

At the convention, where the theme was "Crossing the Civil Rights Bridge: 1900-2000," Mfume praised the state's NAACP organization, saying its dedication to youth involvement and voter registration mirrored the goals and agenda of the national organization.

He also said the national  
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Nicholas Wiggins, President, New Jersey State Youth and College Division of the NAACP greets NAACP National President Kweisi Mfume before the Conference luncheon.

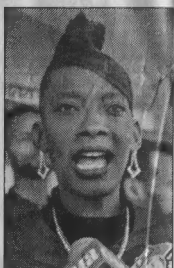
## Payne proposes 'Sherrice's Law'

**NEWARK** — Assemblyman William D. Payne announced he has introduced legislation that would establish criminal penalties for witnesses who fail to report violent crimes to authorities.

Payne (D-Essex) said he would seek to have his bill (A-2517) named in honor of Sherrice Iversen, the 7-year-old California girl who was raped and strangled to death in a bathroom stall of a Nevada casino-hotel last year. The girl's murder case has spurred widespread public interest in "good Samaritan" laws that would require bystanders to take action when witnessing a violent crime.

"There is no such thing as a right to ignore a crime, especially when an innocent child is being victimized," said Payne. "All citizens have a duty to call police if they see or hear a violent crime taking place. It's time New Jersey made such a responsibility legally binding."

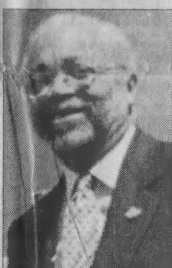
Payne said he was inspired to introduce his legislation after reading published reports about the strangulation and sexual assault of Sherrice Iversen. The little girl was found dead in a bathroom stall at the Primm Valley Hotel, 43 miles south of Las Vegas, on May 25, 1997. Jeremy Strohmeyer, 19, of Long Beach, Cal., has pled guilty to kidnapping, sexually assaulting and



The mother of Sherrice Iversen, Yolanda Manuel, at left, is pressing for a national "Good Samaritan" bill. New Jersey Assemblyman William Payne, at right, has introduced a bill in the state legislature.

killings Sherrice. He is expected to be sentenced Oct. 14 to four consecutive terms of life in prison, three without the possibility of parole.

The case, however, has spawned a national debate not only because of its depravity, but because of a friend of Strohmeyer's — David Cash, Jr. now a sophomore at the University of White House as a principal witness the girl's kidnapping in the bathroom, and then left while Strohmeyer assaulted and killed her. Instead of alerting cash



stopped it but based on what I saw... I didn't feel her life was in danger," Cash said.

"So you know, in my opinion, it was like, time for me to get out of there," Cash told Bradley. "When an 18-year-old male grabs a 7-year-old child... that's not a position I want to be in... it wasn't something that I wanted to stick around and, you know, see what would materialize."

Like many Americans, Payne was incensed by the case and the failure of Nevada authorities to charge Cash with a crime.

"In a violent crime such as the one involving Sherrice Iversen, inaction on the part of a witness is a criminal act in itself," said Payne. "Society simply cannot tolerate the sheer cowardice and indifference of David Cash, Jr., which led to the death of this innocent child."

With this bill, New Jersey will join the vanguard of states that have enacted "Good Samaritan" laws as a way of ensuring basic human decency," said Payne.

His bill would criminalize the failure of a witness to report a crime when the victim is exposed to "bodily injury." Under the bill, witnesses would be required to report violence as soon as reasonably practicable, provided the person can report the crime without danger to himself or other  
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## Singer Betty Carter, dies

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Betty Carter, a Grammy-winning singer who worked with greats Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie, was known as the godmother of jazz for nurturing young musical talent, died September 26 of pancreatic cancer. She was 69.

Carter was best known to fans for her signature singing style — daring improvisations and unusual approaches to songs that included scat singing around every tune and bouncy syncopation. Betty Carter  
against 1929-1998

beat but the expected one.

It's the style that helped catapult her 1960 duet with Ray Charles, "Baby It's Cold Outside," to a jazz classic.

Carter also was known as a nurturing but demanding godmother to successive jazz generations. She once said she tried to teach young musicians to respond to their audience and keep their music original.

Her graduates included pianists John Hicks and Mulgrew Miller, bassists Buster Williams and Dave Holland, and drummers Jack DeJohnette and Lewis Nash. In 1983, Carter founded Jazz Ahead, a music program that brings about 20 young musicians from across the country to New York every year during spring break. It is capped by a weekend of concerts.

Carter grew up in Detroit, where she studied at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. When she was just 15, Carter was singing in jazz clubs with Parker, Gillespie, Miles Davis and Max Roach. She started singing professionally with Lionel Hampton's orchestra at age 18.

In the late 1960s, she founded her own label, Bet-Car, which produced such classic recordings as the Grammy-nominated "The Audience with Betty Carter."

Carter supported herself by releasing albums, touring and hitting the college circuit. In 1985, Verve offered her a contract, releasing the Grammy-winning "Look What I've Got" and reissued her four earlier Bet-Car albums on CD.

She won a Best female jazz vocalist Grammy award in 1988. President Clinton gave her a National Medal of Arts in 1987.

## Slavery is a laughing matter to UPN

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson, Ph.D.  
NNPA Correspondent

As the Civil War raged in July 1862, President Abraham Lincoln told a group of Black men at the White House: "I think your race suffers greatly, many of them by living among us, while ours suffers from your presence. It affords a reason at least why we should be separated." This wasn't the first time that Lincoln publicly advocated racial separation. In countless speeches he made it clear that if he could save the Union "without freeing any slave" he would do it.

Ultimately he grudgingly freed some slaves, but only as a war-time measure. And even then he was careful to remind Whites that he did not believe in social equality for Blacks, and if he had his way he would ship the whole lot of them to Africa or an island in the Caribbean.

Yet in the comedy, "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer," that made its debut Oct. 5 on the UPN Network, we are asked to believe that a black man sits in the high chair at the White House as a principal advisor to Lincoln. Keep in mind this is BEFORE the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865 which formally abolished slavery.

The UPN farce not only stands history on its head, it dishonors it. The producers trot out two shop-worn lines to justify this historical absurdity. They claim that it's only comedy, and that history, even its painful episodes, are fair game for parody. The other claim is that many Blacks who have seen the tapes of the pilot find nothing wrong with it. Both are self-serving and ridiculous claims.

There is nothing wrong with satirizing historical events. There is everything wrong with falsifying them. There is not a fig of historic truth in the idea that Lincoln — or any 19th century president



But will it last? Chi McBride stars as Desmond in "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer."

"Pfeiffer" to the comedy "Hogans Heroes." This won't fly either. The fact is that there were American POWs in Nazi prison camps during World War II. They were mistreated.

Some were beaten and killed. But, when the war ended they were released and returned to their former lives. Blacks had no such luxury. They were totally stripped of their language, culture and humanity, and bought and sold like cattle.

The sad truth is that "Desmond Pfeiffer" is the latest and most absurd addition to the long list of TV network assassinations of the Black image. This time we must say, "enough is enough." Tell UPN that slavery is no laughing matter.

Write or fax your demand that "Desmond Pfeiffer" be removed from the air to: Dean Valentine, president, UPN, P.O. Box 251735, Los Angeles, Calif. 90025. Call (310) 575-7000; or fax (310) 575-7201.

## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

**PLAINFIELD**—The Literacy Volunteers of America will take applications for volunteers in their reading literacy program at the Plainfield Library beginning at 6 p.m. (908) 755-7759.

**JERSEY CITY**—Hudson County Community College Department of Continuing Education will offer courses in flower design beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

**TRENTON**—NASA will host program on space travel and the importance of learning mathematics and science at the New Jersey State Museum beginning at 10 a.m. (609) 292-6303.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

**JERSEY CITY**—New Jersey City University will host a conference for school administrators and the public on "Equality and Standards: Achievement for All Students" at Student Union Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

**HOLMDEL**—The Monmouth County Park System will hold a nature program on fly casting at the Holmdel Pond beginning 5:30 p.m. (732) 842-4000.

**NEWARK**—Rutgers University will host a discussion on arts and the urban influence at the Robeson Art Gallery beginning at 11:30 a.m. (973) 353-5119.

**NEW YORK**—The U.S. Department of Transportation will host a conference on fly casting in leadership at JFK International Airport beginning at 10 a.m.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Music and Dance at New Jersey City University will host the dance of the Afro-Haitian Dance Workshop at Fries Hall beginning at 4 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

**PLAINFIELD**—The Fire Department will hold its annual Fire Prevention Fair at the Hub Sine Athletic Field beginning at 10:00 a.m. (908) 753-3446.

**WAYNE**—William Paterson University will host an Art at Lunch series beginning at 11:30 a.m. (973) 720-2654.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College will offer a course in forming your own corporation beginning at 9:30 a.m. (201) 714-2107.

**EAST ORANGE**—Just Us Books Inc. presents its annual book sale at the East Orange Public Library beginning at 2 p.m. (973) 672-0304.

**LINCROFT**—The Monmouth County Park System will hold a train ride to the Amish farmstead beginning at 8 a.m. (732) 842-4000.

**UPPER MONTCLAIR**—Montclair State University will offer courses in computer training at Data Quest Systems in Fairfield, Cal. (973) 655-4353.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Public Library will show a video screening of the Puerto Rican migration to Hawaii at the auditorium beginning at 2 p.m. (973) 733-7769.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Arc of Union County will hold its 3rd Annual Walk in the Park beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 754-7555.

**LINCROFT**—The Monmouth County Park System will host a trip to New York's Guggenheim Museum beginning at 9:15 a.m. (732) 842-4000.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College will offer courses in traveling through computer beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Senior Citizens Center will host a trip up to West Point, NY. For information call (908) 753-3506.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum will offer a course in kente weaving beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 596-6638.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Continuing Education of Hudson County Community College will offer a course in child care and how to operate a child care center beginning at 6:30 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

**LINCROFT**—The Monmouth County Park System will hold a Berkshire Fall Foliage Tour to Thompson Park beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 842-4000.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Continuing Education will offer a course on "Fostering Children's Self-Esteem" beginning at 6 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS**—Twill Printing Services of Berkeley Heights will host a seminar on photography called "Scanning and PhotoShop" at the Somerset Hills Hotel. For more information, call (908) 655-1700 for time.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

**BELLE MEAD**—The Resource Center for Women and Their Families will hold its 20th Anniversary candlelight vigil outside the County Courthouse in Somerville beginning at 6 p.m. (908) 359-0003.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum and Dreyfus Planetarium presents a exhibit on space beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 596-6638.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

**FREEHOLD**—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County will host a theater workshop for middle and high school students called "Roleplaying for Real Life" at the 4-H Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. (732) 431-7263.

**SCOTCH PLAINS**—The Union County Magnet School for science, mathematics and technology will host its first informational session for interested applicants to the school at Magnet High School beginning at 10 a.m. (908) 889-2900.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum will host its second annual volunteer recruitment program beginning at 11 a.m. (973) 596-6638.

**JERSEY CITY**—Hudson County Community College Department of Continuing Education will offer an Adult Learner course beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 714-2107.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Eight time Boston and New York Marathon winner, Bill Rodgers, will race Olympic Marathon winner Frank Shorter in a 5k race held as part of the 39th Annual Atlantic City Marathon. Half Marathon, 10-K, 5-K and 2-mile halfwalk. Come along and join in the fun, and watch two of the world's greatest race each other. Call 609-601-1RUN.

**FREEHOLD**—The Monmouth County Park System presents its annual Turkey Swamp Park Day beginning at 11 a.m. (732) 824-4000.

**CLINTON**—The Hunterdon Museum of Art will host two exhibits by local sculptors by local artists beginning at 2 p.m. (908) 735-8415.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Hudson County Community College Department of Continuing Education will offer a course in flower arranging beginning at 1:30 p.m. (201) 714-2107.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

**CLARK**—The Clark Public Library will present the third annual poetry evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 389-5999.

**NEWARK**—The Newark Literacy Campaign will hold meetings with potential volunteers at Newark Public Library beginning at 6:10 p.m. (973) 623-4051.

**PLAINFIELD**—The Swain Galleries will present the exhibit of Mark DeLotto beginning at 4 p.m. (908) 756-1707.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

**TRENTON**—The New Jersey Business and Industry Association will hold an environmental workshop on compliance rules at the Masonic Temple beginning at 9 a.m. (609) 393-7707.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

**NEW YORK**—The Museum of the City of New York will open forum with film director Gordon Parks at the Academy of Medicine's Hoesack Hall beginning at 6 p.m. (212) 534-1672.

**TRENTON**—The NJ Chamber of Commerce will hold a Governor's Conference on Women: Economic Pathways to Power at Atlantic City Convention Center beginning at 7:30 a.m. (609) 424-7776.

**JERSEY CITY**—The Department of Music and Dance will host the West African Dance Workshop at the Fries Hall beginning at 4 p.m. (201) 200-3426.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**UPPER MONTCLAIR**—The 12th Annual Educators Conference on Gifted Education will hold its annual event at the Valley Regency Caters beginning at 8 a.m. (973) 334-6991.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

**UNION**—The Union County Department of Economic Development presents a Heritage Festival during the weekend of the 24th and 25th. Call (908) 556-2550 for time and location.

# Maya Angelou speaks to African-American Women on Tour



Author Dr. Maya Angelou (second left) was the keynote speaker at the African-American Women on Tour Conference in Atlanta. The organization is the premier empowerment group of black women in the U.S. Joining Dr. Angelou were tour founder Maria Dowd (left), Tammy Smith (second right), ethnic marketing director with Kellogg, and tour guest Robbie Shumbelet.

## Booker tours occupational center



Pictured left during a recent tour of The First Occupational Center of New Jersey (OCNJ) are Rocco J. Media, OCNJ President and CEO and Cory Booker, Newark Councilman-Central Ward.

## Cooper joins youth panel

East Orange School Board President Diana Cooper (top) recently joined Governor Whitman panel on youth violence in New Jersey's School. The panel was developed by the Governor to find solutions to enhance school safety. Below Mrs. Cooper answers questions from the media after the panel first meeting at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.



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# NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

## BEATING VERDICT LEAVES DOUBTS

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Chicago jury has found Frank Caruso, a 19-year-old white teen, guilty of two counts of aggravated battery and two counts of committing a hate crime in the March 21, 1997 beating of 13-year-old Lenard Clark. Clark will be sentenced Oct. 13 and could face 13 years in prison. Many in the community are outraged that Caruso was not found guilty of attempted murder.

Clark was riding his bike in the Bridgeport area of Chicago when he was attacked by Caruso, Victor Jax, 19, and Michael Kwidzinski, 21. Caruso's alleged accomplices, will be tried separately a later date.

## CONRAD MUHAMMAD UNVEILS NEW HIP-HOP PROGRAM

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Conrad Muhammad, the former head of Mosque No. 7 in Harlem, New York, unveiled his national hip-hop organization on Sept. 12 during a ceremony at the National Black Theater.

"CHANGE," which stands for "Conscious Hip-Hop Activism necessary for Global Empowerment," contains the following components: spirituality, building meaningful relationships between brothers and sisters, obtaining an education or skilled vocation, economic development, social and cultural consciousness, voter registration and political participation.

Muhammad, in a powerful speech, said "CHANGE will include diverse religions. You can be Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hebrew, Israeli or Rasta. But you must believe in some form of spirituality."

## AMBASSADORS URGE PASSAGE OF AFRICA TRADE BILL

**SOUTH AFRICA (AP)**—The ambassadors from Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe participated in forums in Mississippi, Missouri and Oklahoma on the African Growth and Opportunity Act during the week of Sept. 17. They were urging the passage of the trade bill currently before the U.S. Senate.

A part of a national effort, the ambassadors met with 35 congressional and thousands of citizens to brief them on the benefits of the trade bill. They encouraged participants to contact their senators and add their names to a petition in support of the bill.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, National Baptist Convention of America, African Methodist Episcopal Church, General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Church of God in Christ and National Council of Churches, have all passed resolutions or spoken in support of the economic development of Africa, including strengthening U.S. Africa trade and investment relations.

## TOGO'S YOUNG PEOPLE SAY SMOKING IS 'COOL'

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—According to figures from the General Statistical Office, the amount of tobacco, cigarettes and cigars imported into Togo has been increasing rapidly. It went from 746 tons in 1995 to 1,173 tons in 1997. In terms of value, the jump has been even greater: from 4.2 billion CFA francs to 7.4 billion francs in the same two-year period. (One dollar is equal to 500 CFA francs).

"There isn't a day when I do not smoke," said 22-year-old Moudachrou Ousmane, a driver's apprentice at the road transport terminus in Kara, 413 kms north of the Togolese capital, Lome. "I can't live without cigarettes."

"I don't get much from it but it just makes me feel good. It's really great, especially when I smoke a cigarette while chewing cola nut (a bitter light narcotic popular in West Africa)," said another apprentice, Fatouma Ismailou. "If I were to stop smoking, I would be committing suicide."

Sociologists say worsening socio-economic conditions in this West African country are among the causes of the increase in smoking. "Sometimes, cigarette attraction can be psychological," said one sociologist. "Young people take to cigarettes to fight anxiety, disappointment, acute nervousness or various other causes."

# Tom Bradley, L.A.'s first and only black mayor, dead at 80

By Michael Fleenan  
Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—He left a mark on a city divided. He left a mark on a city divided. He left a mark on a city divided. He left a mark on a city divided. He left a mark on a city divided.

The tall, quiet Texas sharcropper's son and college track star then followed through the ranks of the LAPD to become a city councilman and then a five-term mayor of Los Angeles died of a heart attack Tuesday at age 80.

Bradley never fully recovered from a heart attack and stroke in 1996.

From mayor from 1973 to 1993, Bradley was credited with opening city government to minorities and women, expanding social services to the poor and spurring economic growth.

Under his administration, Los Angeles surpassed San Francisco as the West Coast's economic power in Pacific Rim trading, symbolized by the downtown skyline that grew dur-

ing his administration.

He made us proud to be part of this city, said City Attorney James Hahn. "We were proud of him as our mayor — his dignity, his grace and his willingness to get things done. The 20 years he was mayor will probably be the years when Los Angeles really grew up and became a world-class city."

Bradley was first elected over Mayor Sam Yorty in a bitter, racially tinged election conducted under the scars of the 1965 Watts riots were still fresh.

The successful 1984 Olympic Games stood out as his crowning achievement. The economic ruin and traffic gridlock many feared never materialized.

"He was a builder, bringing a remarkably successful Olympic Games to Los Angeles, encouraging a thriving downtown and improving mass transit," President Clinton said in a statement.

The low point was in 1992, when riots broke out after four white LAPD officers were acquitted in the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

Bradley appealed for calm, but

some said his angry denunciation of the verdicts may have provoked violence. He would later describe the violence that left 55 people dead as "the most painful experience of my life."

A soft-spoken man, he governed quietly, by building coalitions instead of using the bully pulpit. His long hours and energy, even into his 70s, were legendary.

It was a style of leadership that served him well for much of his two-decade rule — until he could no longer keep up with the changes, some gradual, some convulsive, in the late 1980s and early '90s.

In the end, after a political scandal in 1989, the King beating in 1991 and the riots the following year, his political supporters would leave him, inner-city leaders would feel abandoned by him, and the voters would feel it was time — perhaps past time — for him to retire.

At 75, he announced his retirement, avoiding an election he probably couldn't have won. Richard Riordan, a white conservative Republican, succeeded him as mayor.

Born in Calver, Texas, Bradley

moved with his family to Los Angeles, where he attended the University of California at Los Angeles. The 6-foot-4 Bradley starred on the track team.

He joined the Police Department and rose to the rank of lieutenant while earning his law degree at Southwestern University.

He won a City Council seat in 1963 and ran for mayor six years later, losing a bitter election waged with racist rhetoric to Yorty. In 1973, Bradley ran again and this time beat Yorty with 56 percent of the vote.

In 1982, Bradley, running as a Democrat, lost the governor's race to Republican George Deukmejian by less than 1 percentage point. He lost a second bid for governor in 1986.

Beginning in 1989, Bradley became embroiled in a political scandal involving his acceptance of a fee for serving as an adviser for a bank doing business with the city.

After leaving office, he joined a law firm in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel, and two daughters.

Funeral arrangements were not immediately announced.

# Former Klansman gets life in prison



By Mark Pratt  
Associated Press Writer

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)** — Former Ku Klux Klansman Joshua England promised to work against the group he says led him to shoot three black teens outside a nightclub — once he's out of federal prison.

England on Tuesday received the maximum prison sentence of nearly 26 years. He admitted firing 11 times into a crowd of about 30 people outside Club Illusion on Oct. 27, 1996.

He will speak out against racism and gangs like the Ku Klux Klan," England said in a statement to U.S. District Judge Joseph Anderson.

England, 20, and a friend had earlier attended a Klan rally and drank. England had said he opened fire after some in the group made insulting gestures and threw something.

England pleaded guilty in July to three counts of civil rights violations and one weapons count. Though he cooperated with investigators, "he cannot escape strong punishment," Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Hendricks said.

She asked for the maximum of 25 years and eight months without parole "to send a message to others" considering racial motives motivated the crimes.

The three victims, all of whom recovered, were not in court Tuesday, when England read handwritten letters of remorse.

"I allowed myself to be influenced and manipulated by the KKK and its leader," England said. "I wasn't raised to hate anyone based on their skin color, and the only place I learned such racial hatred was from the hate group that I was a part of: The Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

England's mother, Sherry Eidsen, said during the hearing that her son was not a KKK member.

"He's just a boy influenced by someone he should not have been influenced by," she said. "He's a good boy and a sincere boy and I love him."

# NAACP boycotts telephone companies for poor return on consumer dollars

**BALTIMORE**—NAACP President & CEO Kweisi Mfume announced the Association's critical analysis of the telephone industry in the first Telecommunications Consumer Choice Guide Report Card as part of the NAACP's Economic Reciprocity Initiative.

"African Americans spend 10 million dollars annually for telephone service. We urge consumers not to spend their money with companies that received failing grades for not providing a return on their dollars. Consumers should disconnect, said Mfume at a recent press conference.

"At quick glance, the grades indicate that certainly there is a minimum level of economic reciprocity operating within the industry. Therefore, to receive a grade of 'D' or 'F' is absolutely unacceptable. The NAACP is urging its supporters to 'hang up' on these companies by withholding your telephone dollar, from them," said Mfume.

Mfume cited the rapidly changing industry events in 1998 as "The megamergers" sweeping through the telecommunications world are yielding astronomical profits and becoming common place transactions that create less competition. That is exactly why the NAACP and our partners are committed more than ever to being the watchdog over the reciprocal relationship between industry and consumers."

sumers," Mfume said.

A closer look at the grades dealing a concern about the performance levels of the telephone business. In the critical analysis Mfume noted that overall, "the industry graded very poorly in eight key areas of advertising/marketing and vendor relationships. In the area of employment, the



industry fared better with entry level jobs but showed only margin performance at upper level management positions.

"Although, the companies did

well with philanthropic contributions, the industry fell short in the business transactions and decision making components the heart of economic empowerment," said Mfume.

"We want reciprocity not economic generosity," Mfume also pointed out that the nearly 300 billion dollar telecommunications industry is the

fastest growing in the nation and exceeded the U.S. gross national product by 65 percent in the last two years.

Enterprises of this magnitude compel the NAACP to be vigilant in monitoring this industry particularly at a time when there is major concern about

"access" in minority and low-income communities. "Access to advanced services is pivotal to the economic empowerment efforts in communities. We must move that children have all the tools they need to successfully compete in the global economy," said

Mfume.

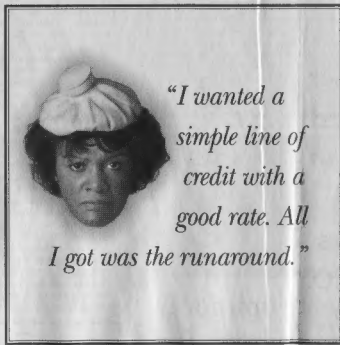
Representatives from many of the seventy national organizations that support economic reciprocity joined the NAACP at the press conference, to release the survey results and announced the action to be taken against those companies that failed to make a passing grade.

Seventeen telephone companies including cellular, long distance carriers and regional bell systems were graded. The initiative reviewed company records and data in key areas: employment, vendor relationships, procurement, advertising & marketing, service deployment, and philanthropy. The results were analyzed and ranked accordingly.

The NAACP issued grades to the following telephone companies: BellSouth; B. SBC; B. Ameritech; B. Bell Atlantic; B. AT&T; B. SNET; B. Excel; C. Cincinnati Bell; C. MCI/WorldCom; C. USWest; C. LCI; C. Sprint; C. Comcast; C. GTE; C. Alltel; D. AirTouch; D. Frontier; F.

The NAACP Telecommunications Consumer Guide and Report Card will be widely distributed to every NAACP unit, members of supporting organizations, civil rights groups, government agencies, and other associations to be used as a reference making informed choices about the telephone services to use and which ones to "disconnect" and boycott.

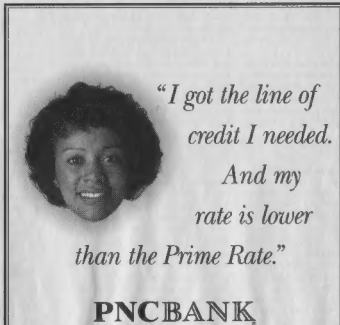
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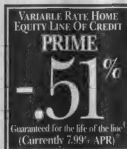
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# Crossing the Civil Rights Bridge:1900-2000

Attendees enjoy NAACP State Convention luncheon

## Mfume speaks at state NAACP conference

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NAACP supported the state branches in efforts to stop racial profiling. Minority groups have complained that New Jersey State Police disproportionately pull over minority drivers on the state's roadways.

In April on the New Jersey Turnpike, two state troopers fired multiple shots at a van of three young black men and one Hispanic man they said were trying to run the officers over.

The young men have disputed that account, saying they were pulled over because of their race, and that the officers had no reason to begin firing.

The shooting prompted ral-

lies, and black leaders held a meeting with state authorities to discuss the situation as well as the need for more minority hires in state police.

Since that meeting, Gov. Christie Whitman and U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli have vowed to find dollars to equip State Police cars with video cameras to help document exactly what happens when a trooper pulls someone over.

"What we believe we have to do more than anything else is bring attention to it, so I talk about it wherever I go," Mfume said.

He talked about the push to stop racial profiling in Maryland, and how authorities there moved to make changes

once public pressure was brought to bear on them.

"We hope the same pressure is brought here in New Jersey, so that it stops," Mfume said. "It's wrong, it shouldn't take place. As long as it takes place, it creates a barrier between police and citizens."

Saying that "the connection and continuity of the Civil Rights Bridge" must not be interrupted, Elaine Harrington, president of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches said the state conference theme, "Crossing the Civil Rights Bridge: 1900-2000" would appropriately navigate the Civil Rights journey from the 20th Century into the 21st Century and the next millennium.



## Payne

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A crime witness who fails to report a crime would be guilty of a fourth-degree offense, which is punishable by up to 18 months in jail and \$10,000 in fines.

The bill was placed on the Assembly's proposed list on Monday, September 28, and signed to a committee on October 5, its formal introduction date.

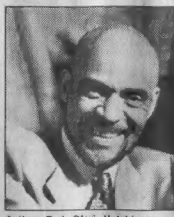
Assembly Associate Minority Leader Charles "Ken" Zisa (D-Bergen), who also serves as police chief of Hackensack, has signed onto the bill as Payne's co-prime sponsor.

An identical version of the bill has been introduced in the state Senate by senators Joseph Vitale (D-Woodbridge) and John Bennett (D-Monmouth). Vitale has said he introduced the Senate bill in

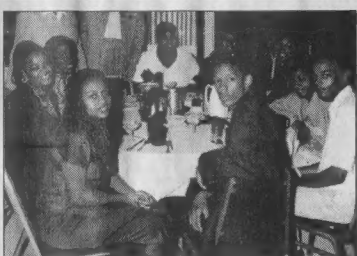
response to a 31-year-old Woodbridge woman who was beaten during an attempted carjacking on the driveway outside her home in August.

Journalist and author Earl Ofari Hutchinson heads the Sherrice Iverson Memorial Fund with Iverson's mother, Yolanda Manuel. They have gathered more than 30,000 signatures in support towards passage of a national "good Samaritan" bill. Hutchinson was recently interviewed on the Pacific network radio program "Building Bridges" about the case and activities they are developing in support of a National bill.

"Experience in New Jersey has shown us that we risk tragedies similar to what happened to Sherrice Iverson in Nevada if a 'good Samaritan' law is not placed on the books," said Payne.



Author Earl Ofari Hutchinson, a member of the Sherrice Iverson Justice Fund, heads the call for national child protection legislation.



The death of 7-year-old Sherrice Iverson has sparked national concern and outrage.

# State lawmakers search for ways to prevent youth violence

By Wendy Ruderman  
Associated Press Writer

TRENTON (AP) — School shootings splintered communities across the country in the last school year so state lawmakers are searching for ways to prevent New Jersey's children from killing. "It's one big pond," said Assemblywoman Mary Previte, D-Camden, said Wednesday. "So troubles in one part of the pond make waves across the whole pond. So we need to be worried if children in Arkansas or some other place are doing this because they're listening to the same music."

Shootings took place last year in Jonesboro, Ark.; Paducah, Ky.; Springfield, Ore.; Pearl, Miss.; and Edinboro, Pa.

Previte serves on the new

Assembly Task Force on Adolescent Violence, which held its first public meeting Wednesday.

The seven-member task force was created to study acts of random adolescent violence and to champion legislation to deter or reduce such violence.

"We don't have the answer," said Assemblyman Paul D'Amato, R-Passaic, task force chairman. "What we're trying to do here is see if something additional can be done that will prevent and forestall some of what we've seen in other states."

Studies show New Jersey's youth have the ingredients necessary to kill.

Dr. Michael B. Greene, executive director of the Violence Institute of New Jersey, testified that a 1997 survey found seven out of every 100 New Jersey high school students said they carried a weapon, such as gun, knife or club,

to school within the 30 days prior to being polled. About 2,000 students were interviewed in May 1997.

Anecdotes and news stories tell of children who are empty and angry enough to act on those feelings.

"I deal with children every day who kill," said Previte, who runs the maximum security Camden County Youth Center. "I have seen children who can say, 'We're going to close our eyes and pull a gun on the second car that goes by this light.' How could a person do a thing like that and feel no remorse? That remorse disappeared long ago."

So what can be done to keep children from using those weapons and feelings to cook up devastating violence either in or out of school?

During the task force meeting, lawmakers got an earful from several juvenile justice experts.



Stiffer penalties would be counterproductive, costly and would not address the problem of youth crime and violence," said Michael Israel, a juvenile justice professor at Kean University in Union. "The biggest failure of all is prison."

Israel and others said schools, community groups, families and religious organizations need lawmakers to give them the resources and tools to teach children how to deal with confrontation, control their anger, avoid bad relationships and seek mediation and help from role models.

Previte doesn't need convincing. But she's up against some legislators who believe stiffer penalties and longer prison sentences will deter youth violence.

After listening to three hours of testimony, D'Amato said he still

isn't convinced that a harsher juvenile justice system is not the way to go. He believes such tactics thwart adult crime, but he's not so sure children respond the same way, he said.

Paul Donnelly, executive director of the state Juvenile Justice Commission, told D'Amato that threatening children with tougher punishment doesn't work because "they live in the now" without care for the future.

Previte said if lawmakers don't listen to experts perhaps they'll hear the cry of taxpayers.

Previte said taxpayers need to know that anti-violence programs cost less than jail. It costs about \$80,000 a year to keep one inmate at Valentine Hall, the secure facility for young women in Bordentown, she said.

"We're paying enormous costs for our failures," she said.

# Bio-Testosterone PAAD program introduced by Gill and Conway

TRENTON — Assemblyman Herbert C. Conway and Assemblywoman Nia Gill recently announced that they have introduced legislation to restore the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program to its previous dosage funding levels.

The measure (A-2336) would allow unaffiliated aged and disabled New Jersey citizens to receive either a 34-day supply or 100 doses of prescription medication per month, whichever amount is greater. The fiscal year 1999 budget had limited recipients to a maximum supply of 34 days, effectively forcing

recipients who take a pill a day to pay three times more than they were used to paying.

"Under the new PAAD pricing policy, program clients are charged a \$5 co-payment for a 34-day supply of medicine," said Conway (D-Burlington), the Assembly's only pharmaceutical lawyer. "This constitutes

a dramatic cost burden for elderly and disabled people who previously had the option of paying \$5 for 100 doses, which often translated into a three-month supply of medicine."

According to Assemblyman Richard Bagger (R-Union), the Budget Committee Chairman, the idea to reduce the amount of PAAD

aid came from the Whitman administration.

"This policy change didn't originate in the Legislature, but the issue deserves a speedy legislative remedy," said Gill. The Whitman administration's change is proving costly and inconvenient to PAAD's elderly recipients, most of whom

are on extremely limited incomes," said Conway. "Moreover, senior citizens feel they are being cheated by a government-imposed policy change that was enacted in a surreptitious manner. The Legislature should rectify this situation by passing our bill as quickly as possible."

# New Jersey awarded child welfare demonstration project

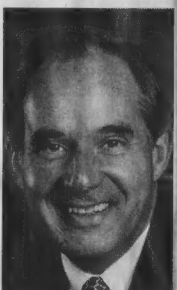
WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) announced today that New Jersey will be the site of one of ten highly competitive child welfare demonstration programs chosen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The demonstration project will use previously-existing resources to create a highly innovative program to streamline adoption procedures and smooth children's transitions from foster care to adoptive homes.

Under the Adoption and Safe Families Act, HHS is authorized to approve up to ten demonstrations each year for the next five years. HHS has encouraged states to develop projects in several key areas: increasing adoptions of special needs children, promoting community-based services to prevent child abuse and neglect, improving the access to needed health

and mental health services, and projects to meet the needs of American Indian children.

New Jersey's project grew out of an Adoption Opportunities grant HHS awarded two years ago. The state will now establish the successful aspects of the project on a more permanent basis. A special unit within the state's Adoption and Safe Families Act will begin the groundwork for kinship placement or adoption at the same time a foster care plan is being developed, thereby avoiding long delays and repetitive actions. The state will also recruit and prepare families that can provide both foster care and adoptive homes to these youth on short notice. Legal and substance abuse services will also be available.

Demonstration projects are a wonderful way to cultivate new ideas and expand those that are successful," said Torricelli. "Not only will New



Senator Robert Torricelli is smiling as New Jersey will be one of ten states to participate in a new child welfare program to get kids out of poverty.

Jersey be better prepared to serve its own adopted children, it will now be in a position to share its innovative ideas with the rest of the country.

## Talk about the loan of the century...

# NJ State cancels contract for traffic accident data with private firm

TRENTON (AP)—The Whitman administration has moved to cancel a \$2.2 million contract with a private computer firm that collects traffic accident data, saying the firm hasn't done any work since July.

State Treasury officials said Monday they are seeking some \$85,000 in penalties from NetTech Solutions of Rockaway, which was awarded the three-year contract in February 1997 to process four years of information.

State transportation officials have said privatizing the data collection would cost about half as much as using state employees to handle a two-year backlog. Officials said they would ask the 15 Transportation Department employees who had previously done the work to be transferred to other lower-paying positions in the department if they would like to do it again.

But this time, the state will have to use additional Treasury Department employees to assist the DOT workers,

officials said. The information is used to help state officials seek federal safety funding and better identify highway trouble spots.

Union leaders who opposed the contract renewed their criticism Monday.

"These things collapse because there is an overwhelming ideological and political desire to put this work into private hands without forethought," Jim Marketti, president of the Transportation Department of Communications Workers of America, told The Times of Trenton. Marketti had called for an audit of all Transportation Department contracts, including the one with NetTech, in June.

Critics have also accused the Whitman administration of replacing state workers with private firms owned by political allies.

When NetTech sought to change its contract last year from \$1.5 million to \$2.2 million, the firm hired Alman Management, a Westfield lobbying

firm founded by George Albanese and Edward McManis, two high-ranking officials in the administration of former Republican Gov. Thomas Kean.

NetTech officials were not immediately available for comment Monday.

Treasury Department spokesman Jack Mozzom said that despite the problems with NetTech, privatization has generally been successful in New Jersey.

"It will cost us a little more to bring the electronic data collection back in house," Mozzom told The Star-Ledger of Newark. "It's unfair to make generalizations about privatization, simply because one project doesn't work out."

Mozzom said the state has privatized some eight to 10 tasks, including such functions as processing tax forms, with a savings to taxpayers of about \$35 million per year.

"On balance, it has worked out. Has it worked out in every single case? No it hasn't," Mozzom said.

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# NJ Casino redevelopment agency suffers setback on property cost

ATLANTIC CITY—The state Casino Redevelopment Development Authority has been ordered to pay four times what it offered for a parcel of land it seized as part of a massive blight-clearing initiative.

In the fourth such case since 1995, a jury told the state Casino Redevelopment Development Authority it seriously undervalued Marks' Beer Garden, a bar that stood at the corner of Arctic and Michigan avenues for decades.

Retired school teacher Sadie Marks, 80, whose husband owned the bar, had asked for \$1.6 million. The CRDA offered \$400,000.

A Superior Court jury last week found for Marks, awarding her the full \$1.6 million. The CRDA's appraisal failed to reflect the fact that the property would be next to the \$268 million Atlantic City Convention Center, the jury said.

It is not the first time a CRDA offer has been found to be too low.

In 1995, Superior Court Judge Richard J. Williams ruled that the CRDA's property appraisals were "fundamentally unfair and wrong" because they didn't take into account the convention center's impact on the value of the land.

Most of the 100 property owners have settled out of court. Of six who went to trial, four were rewarded with jury verdicts ordering the

CRDA to pay far more than it had offered originally.

In one case, the CRDA was ordered to pay \$8.1 million for property it appraised at \$2.9 million.

"If you put the numbers in front of you, they're getting creamed," said John H. Buonocore Jr., a lawyer for Marks.

Peter Manahan, a lawyer for the CRDA, said the agency would continue to argue that the convention center's location should have no bearing on the value of the property.

Different juries take the same evidence and draw different conclusions," Manahan said.





# Local Briefs

## Hotline established to fight welfare fraud

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Freeholders recently announced a comprehensive effort to fight welfare fraud. The effort includes a toll free number, (877) WEL-FRAUD, and bilingual billboards and printed materials to be distributed across the county to make use of what investigators say is one of their most important tools in tracking down welfare cheats: tips from neighbors and associates.

When people cheat welfare, they're not just stealing money from taxpayers, they are taking away valuable resources from the children this program serves," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo, Jr. "We want to ensure that children in need receive the support they deserve."

Earlier this year, the county announced a major welfare reform effort entitled Jobs PLUS, which will provide job training and placement services for the longest-term recipients of assistance. The program will be funded through a \$5 million federal grant.

## Cable station focuses on older New Jerseyans

TRENTON — The cable television Network of New Jersey (CTN) has begun to alter its programming in order to focus on the older New Jerseyans, a well educated and growing segment of the state's population. The new television lineup will make its debut in January of 1999.

Older New Jerseyans' (50 years) make up approximately 12.2 million of all residents of the state. This market is expected to expand tremendously as the so called "baby boomers reach the age of 50 and as life expectancies continue to rise." For the past 15 years CTN has strived to serve New Jerseyans in the public interest. The change is just a step further in that direction," said James A. DeBond, CTN's Executive Director.

The network is currently doing research into what programming is of interest. CTN is looking for ideas which would best serve its new viewers. To add an idea to the list or participate in a short programming interest survey call CTN at 1-800-421-0443.

## Grant helps agency help compulsive gamblers

BOUND BROOK — Family and Community Services on Somerset County has received a grant for 1998 and 1999 to treat compulsive gamblers and their families. According to Al Gesregan, Director of the Addiction Program, "Gambling abuse is continuing to be a major problem in Somerset and surrounding counties, affecting teenagers, adults and senior citizens. Gesregan went on to say that Family and Community Services has been treating the gambler and their families for the past six years with limited funding. "Now, with the help of this grant and some fundraising, we will be able to reach out even further into our community and no one will have to be turned away because of their inability to pay."

The agency has locations throughout Somerset County. For more information on the short term and confidential program, call (732) 356-1082.

## Collaborative effort to clear rail line

PLAINFIELD — Workers from Union County jail will clear brush and debris along the Bartan Valley Line in Plainfield at the Main Station on Tuesday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m.

NJ Transit will provide trucks, supervision and equipment, as well as safety training and gear for workers, and has notified train operators of the work. County officials also will be on hand to supervise the workers. Once the workers from the Union County Jail have cleared the rail line, the City of Plainfield will supervise the workers' activities under bridges and along roadways adjacent to the tracks.

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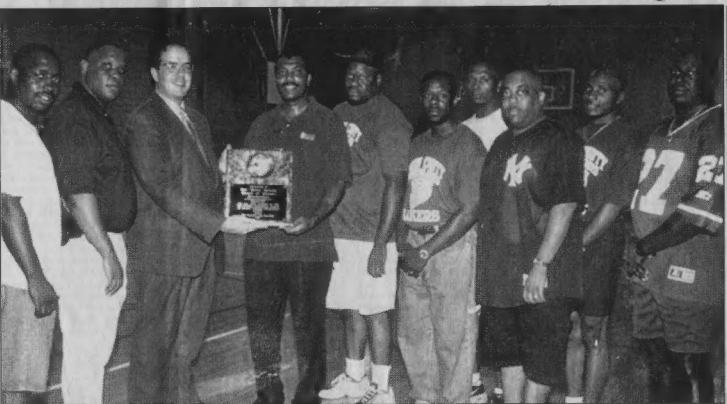
# All become winners in volunteer basketball league

ELIZABETH — For Donald Johnson, an investigator at the Union County Jail, the concept is simple. Give youngsters some time and attention now and you won't have to "process" them later. As simple as it sounds, for the youngsters involved in the Micky Walker Basketball Youth Leagues, it has proven to be remarkably effective in keeping them out of trouble. Run by Johnson, who is League Commissioner and his assistant commissioner, Sgt. Kenneth Houston, and their coaches, the program has been credited with keeping some 700-800 youths out of trouble since 1992 when it started.

Freeholder Donald Gonçalves saw that not only is the program effective, it is very popular with the youth. On a recent evening with temperatures in the upper 90s and no air conditioning, the Micky Walker Center, on the corner of Anna and Division Streets, was packed with young players and their coaches.

"I can't stress enough the value of programs like this. This is an example of dedication and willingness to give time and leadership paying tribute to the benefit of all. The youth gain valuable skills, and a sense of belonging. Plus, taxpayers of Union County don't pay a cent toward the program but gain by having less juvenile offenders processed through the system," Freeholder Gonçalves said.

The volunteer program is staffed mostly by Union County Correction officers who donate three hours a night, three to four nights a week. Johnson, involved



Union County Freeholder Donald Gonçalves (third from left), accepts a plaque from League Commissioner Donald Johnson. The plaque was presented to show the group's appreciation for the support they receive from the Board of Freeholders. In photo, from left, are Corrections officer John W. Lewis, Sgt. Eric Williams, Gonçalves, Commissioner Johnson, Officer Anthony Wilson, Stanley Champagne, Officer Wayne Pryor, Larren Swaggerty, Sgt. Kenneth Houston and Officer Richard Jones.

since the beginning, said the program was the brain child of former Assistant Prosecutor Hassen Abdella, who approached the late Prosecutor Andrew K. Rutolo with the idea of offering a program to the youth living near the port area.

"He wanted to offer a productive program that would send the message to the kids that they are

valuable and cared about. Prosecutor Rutolo supported the idea completely," Johnson said.

As Freeholder Gonçalves looked on, Johnson also presented trophies to the league's eight teams who participated in this year's games. Along with the trophies, one player received special recognition for their efforts. Qiana Porter, the only female player in

the league, was recognized. Johnson is Qiana's uncle. He said he would really like to get more girls involved in the game. "We want to stress that girls are just as important as the guys and that they should get involved," he said.

This year the league had approximately 96 players, ranging in age from 8-15, playing on eight teams each with at least one

coach. Johnson said that he is particularly proud of the fact that less than one percent of the children who have played in the league have gone on to commit a crime and, in fact, many have come out of college, some on basketball scholarships.

"Not a bad record for a completely volunteer league," he concluded.

# 'Town Meetings' bring Strategic Plan to community

PLAINFIELD — Plainfield's Strategic Plan is hitting the road. Adopted by the City Council on September 21, the plan is being taken out to a series of Town Meetings where citizens can get a brief overview and have their questions about the Plan answered.

"We promised residents a view the late-January neighborhood meetings when getting their input that we would be back with the finished plan, and now we have it to present," says Mayor Al McWilliams.

The plan has fifteen specific goals the city wants to achieve in the next two years in the areas of public safety and quality of life, appearance of the business districts and the residential neighborhoods, economic development, and recreation and leisure.

The plan will be hosted by the councilperson representing that area, and will feature an invitation by Mayor McWilliams to the citizens to participate in the plan's fulfillment, and brief presentations by the plan's "champions," city depart-

ment and division heads who have agreed to be responsible for segments of the plan.

The city's public information office has promised to have the plan up on the city's web site by the time of the first meeting, Thursday, October 1. It will be available at [www.plainfield.com/stratplan](http://www.plainfield.com/stratplan).

The first of the four town meetings took place at the Clinton Elementary School, West 4th Street and Clinton Avenue, 4th Ward councilperson Harold Mitchell was the evening's host.

The doors will open for each meeting at 7 p.m., and the meetings will get under way at 7:20 p.m.

Attendees will be given copies of the Plan's fifteen goals, its vision, mission and core beliefs statements, the executive summary, and lists of participants in the process. Copies of the full report will be available for purchase at each of the meetings.

Complete copies of the Plan are available for reference at the City Clerk's office, the Mayor's office and the Plainfield Public

Library.

Other meetings scheduled are: Tuesday, October 6, Cook School, Leiland Avenue at Berkeley Avenue; Wednesday, October 7, Emerson School, East 3rd Street and Emerson Avenue; and Thursday, October 8, at Cedarbrook School, 1049 Central Avenue.

For more information about the Strategic Plan, contact the city's public information office at (908) 226-4905.

# Two testify in officer's bias case

EAST ORANGE (AP) — Two East Orange police officers, including one who is president of a national black police officers group, testified Friday they heard former East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper vow the city would never have another white police chief.

News reports state the two officers said Cooper made the statement at a meeting of black police officers after directing that a tape recording of the session be stopped.

Delacy Davis, a 13-year veteran of the department who is now regional president of the National Black Police Association, testified in Newark that Cooper made the comments in 1993 during a meeting of the Kinsmen, a group of black East Orange officers.

Davis quoted the mayor as stating, "as long as he was mayor there would not be a white chief."

Davis related the incident during a federal court trial in which a white East Orange officer has

charged that the city engaged in reverse discrimination by passing him over for the chief's post.

Capt. Richard Wright, a 30-year-veteran of the force, is pursuing a claim of reverse racial bias. He charges Cooper engineered a political deal to ensure that his candidate, current Chief Harry Harman, would be able to land the post even though he had placed sixth on the chief's exam. Wright had taken the top spot.

Attorneys for Wright have argued that because Cooper could only choose a candidate from the top three finalists, he arranged to buy off two higher scoring white officers who agreed to drop out of the race, only to be rewarded later with appointments to newly created deputy chief positions.

A third black contender retired, and was quickly rehired in an appointed post with the board of education, Wright's lawyers said.

# Local groups honor individuals in two tributes

Community activist, City News will receive recognition in separate events

EAST ORANGE — Addison McLeon is a long time community activist that has served as a role model and mentor to a vast number of Jersey City and New Jersey residents. McLeon, the first African-American member to be elected from the 31st district, will be the focus of a tribute on October 22 starting at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn, in Jersey City.

This tribute is long overdue and we are elated about the response received for the event," said Program Chairman Willie Flood. The African-American has really supported this endeavor as McLeon has supported them, and it is fantastic to see so many people working harmoniously for such a wonderful individual."

Those interested in purchasing

a ticket for the event should call (201) 455-7190 or (201) 332-3908.

The United Caribbean African Alliance, Inc. will honor Rob Hastic, President of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Jean Larosiere, Former Assistant United States Attorney, and Jan and Henry Johnson, Principals of City News Publishing Company.

The recognition ceremony will take place during the Eleventh Annual Awards Dinners Dance on Saturday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

For more information, please call (973) 372-2266.

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# Vacation plans will 'Fall for New Jersey'

TRENTON—The Labor Day weekend in New Jersey doesn't sig-

nal the end of the vacation season—it's just the start.



Fall foliage tours and leaf watching walks in the Delaware Water Gap are one of the many activities that can be shared by the whole family.

Many people find the fall months the best time for a New Jersey holiday. It's a time of beautiful weather, temperate ocean water, smaller crowds and lower hotel rates. These foster exciting and interesting activities such as engaging antique shopping and shows, delicious seafood festivals, classic car parades, calming and beautiful nature walks and bird watching expeditions.

Last month, a state's television commercial promoting autumn tourism, Governor Christie Whitman says, "Summer may be almost over, but that doesn't mean vacation season is over in New Jersey." She continues, "Add bril-

liant fall foliage to the balmy weather at this time of year and you have the ideal season for enjoying the outdoors in New Jersey."

It could even be said that extended summer was invented in New Jersey because the Miss American Pageant was created in 1921 to lure visitors to the beaches after Labor Day. Today that tradition extends to attractions statewide. One example is Six Flags Great Escape, the country's largest regional theme park and drive-through wildlife safari. The park is open weekends in September and October in addition to several Friday nights. Other attractions that will give a fun day out of doors for kids and grownups are Gingerbread Castle in Hamburg, Wild West City in Netcong, Turtleback Zoo in West Orange and the Nature Center in Cape May.

In addition to the recently held Chowderfest weekend in Beach Haven, upcoming activities include the 26th Annual Victorian Week which will take place in Cape May to celebrate the National Historic Landmarks heritage. Also scheduled: art exhibitions at the Monmouth Museum, "Atlantic City Fall Festival," billed as "the world's largest" indoor antique and collectible show at the New Atlantic City Convention Center on October 17 and 18, and the Atlantic City Film Festival on October 21-25.

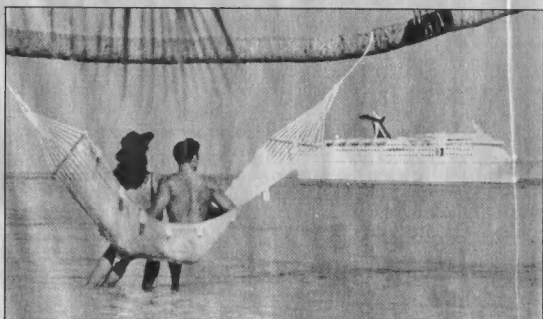


The recent Audubon Cape May Weekend featured workshops and bird watching field trips.



The cooler fall weather in Ocean Grove allows vacationers to bicycle on the boardwalk all day, rather than just in the early morning and late afternoon.

## Autumn cruises makes for lovely vacations



Billing itself as "The Most Popular Cruise Line in the World," Carnival Cruise Lines travel to places like the Caribbean, Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii. Cruise lengths vary and include all your meals, almost too many activities to take advantage of and great entertainment.

FLORHAM PARK — If you're looking for an autumn vacation that includes hiking, flying, swimming and sailing, how about a cruise? Of, if your dream vacation includes gourmet dining, constant pampering and pure relaxation, a cruise should definitely be at the top of your list.

In fact, according to Sue Teich, assistant vice president of group travel for the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, today's cruises offer something for everyone. "With cruise prices ranging from budget to luxury and activities from adventure to romance, you can find a cruise that's perfect for you," said Teich. "Cruise lines have designed their ships, destinations and shore excursions to suit a myriad of tastes and pocketbooks."

According to the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), last year more than five million vacationers chose to cruise. "And with the ongoing addition of new luxury ships and destinations, this number is expected to increase by the end of this year," Teich said. Teich pointed out that cruisers can relax on a luxury ocean liner that has everything from suites to shopping malls. "Or, if you prefer a more intimate setting, sail on a sleek windjammer and help hoist the sails," she suggested. Cruising is also a great year-round vacation option, Teich pointed out. "With cruise destinations that follow the sun and range from Alaska and the Caribbean to New Zealand and the Mediterranean, you can find a cruise vacation at any time of the year. But to get the best prices," she added, "you should start planning your cruise a minimum of six months in advance. That way you have a better chance of getting the ship, sailing date and accommodations you really want," she continued.

Before visiting a travel agent, Teich recommends determining what kind of cruiser you are. "Think about what you like to do on vacation," she said. "Are you an active, outgoing person who likes to make new friends or do you just want time alone with your partner? Are you an avid exerciser who wants to stick with your routine? Do you want to tour the world's capitals, hike a glacier and hang glide, or simply lounge by the pool?"

Cruises offer all of these options and more including, themed sailings ranging from wine and food to big bands and sports. You can also select a cruise that focuses on learning something new or a particular hobby. And if you're a single person, there are cruises that offer a ready-made gal, dinner or bridge partner. The key, is to let your travel agent what you want so he or she can recommend the right cruise for you.

The all-inclusive price of a cruise makes it one of the best vacation values. "A cruise includes your room or cabin, 24-hour dining and boom service and all shipboard activities including shows, first-run movies, sports, lectures and dancing. Many cruise lines also offer reduced rates for a third or fourth person staying in your cabin and children.

"And, you can get even more value out of your cruise by adding

on a pre- or post-tour land package," she added. "Also, ask your agent about fly/sail rates that include airfare and transfers from your home to the port city."

Whether you're a single, couple or family, there's a cruise line for you. Cruise lines have also designed their cabins and activities to accommodate the physically challenged. So once you've selected the cruise line, ship and itinerary, the only dif-

ficulty you'll encounter is waiting to embark on your vacation of a lifetime.

For a free copy of the popular AAA brochure, "Smooth Sailing," which details these and other helpful cruise tips, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Smooth Sailing, AAA Public Relations, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932.

## International travel requires extra caution

In the wake of recent threats of reprisals by terrorists for U.S. military actions in the Sudan and Afghanistan, travelers should plan to be extra cautious while visiting abroad or at airports in the United States.

For travel abroad, here are some important tips:

Review your travel, homeowners, automobile and medical insurance policies to determine coverage for trip cancellation, interruption, loss, theft, accident or injury while overseas. If necessary, consider additional coverage.

Make photocopies of the identification page of your passport, credit cards and other wallet contents, a list of your travelers check numbers, and a copy of your itinerary to leave at home with an individual accessible by telephone. Pack an extra copy with three passport photos in case replacements are needed while traveling.

Confirm your itinerary a few days prior to initial departure and before any flights en route.

Familiarize yourself with the local customs and political differences to avoid offensive behavior, inappropriate dress or breaking the law. Avoid things and humor that could be misinterpreted.

Purchase an International Driving Permit which, while not required for driving in all countries, translates key identification information into eight languages. IDPs cost \$10 and are

available at AAA New Jersey Automobile Club offices.

Obtain AAA's Offices to Serve You Abroad booklet. Plan to visit AAA's reciprocal foreign motor clubs for travel information, reservations or itinerary changes.

Keep your distance from stray luggage and packages left unattended in airports and other public places. Invest in a detailed local map and prominently mark your hotel, office, friendly embassies, police stations and fire departments.

Use hotel and airport taxis. Avoid those that pick up additional persons en route.

Ask hotel representatives which streets and neighborhoods to avoid.

Dress conservatively. Avoid standing out as a tourist or losing your nationality.

Don't discuss travel plans openly in public locations.

Avoid confrontation. Don't engage in conversations on potentially sensitive subjects.

Refrain from photographing natives, police, military installations and personnel, industrial structures unless you're sure it won't alarm anyone or break a law.

If you have any problems or uneasiness at your destination, visit the American or Canadian embassy to register your itinerary and hotel address.

In a "worldwide caution" the U.S.

Department of State urges Americans traveling or residing abroad to, "review their security practices, remain alert to the changing situation and to exercise much greater caution than usual."

American Embassy operations have been suspended in Somalia, Sudan, Congo, Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo and Guinea-Bissau. The United States does not maintain diplomatic or consular posts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea and no support services are available to Americans in these countries.

Family members and non-emergency personnel of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania have been authorized to depart. In Albania, Eritrea and Pakistan, non-emergency personnel and family members have been ordered to depart. Consular services in these countries have been reduced to minimal levels.

Travelers abroad should contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate by telephone or fax for up-to-date information on security conditions.

Current information is also available on the internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In the United States, call 202-647-5225 for recorded information from the Department of State.

## Religion Calendar

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

**PLAINFIELD**—Revivalist Dr. Christine Liddell will talk with the congregation of Rose of Sharon Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 561-4211

**PATERSON**—The General Baptist Convention of New Jersey will hold a discussion on society in the 90's beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 345-4309.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

**GARWOOD**—Rose of Sharon Church will host a pre-anniversary luncheon at the Westwood beginning at 12 noon. (732) 752-2390

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The Gifts of Love Outreach Ministries will hold a dinner sale beginning at 12 noon. Call (732) 418-1475 for location.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

**PLAINFIELD**—Evangelist Valeria Yancey will provide worship service for Women's Day beginning at 7:30 a.m. (908) 561-4211.

**NEWARK**—Sounds of Christian Fellowship presents Gospel at starring Bobby Jones and the Nashville Choir at George Washington Carver School beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 416-1300.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

**PLAINFIELD**—Rose of Sharon Community Church will host a tip to King's Arthur Castle beginning at 8 a.m. Call (908) 561-6747 for information.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

**PLAINFIELD**—Ross Sharon of Community Church and CALF will host a bus ride to the New Jersey aquarium beginning at 8 a.m. (908) 561-6747.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

**NEWARK**—Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry will celebrate its annual dinner at the Robert Taft hotel beginning at 5:30 p.m. (973) 481-6650.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

**NEWARK**—The Rev. Al Sharpton will address the congregation of First Mount Zion Baptist Church. Call (973) 242-4173

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

**ATLANTA**—Join us for the 3rd annual Gospel Heritage Gala Concert & Awards. For detailed information, call 615-375-6056.

**HAWTHORNE**—The Northern NJ Sunday School Association will sponsor the 38th annual Christian Education Convention through the 24th at the Hawthorne Gospel Church. 1-800-363-4410 or 973-283-1540.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

**RARITAN**—Father Joseph C. Martin will give a lecture titled "Symptoms of Society" at Raritan Community College beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 356-1082

**BOUND BROOK**—The Family and Community Services of Somerset County present the lecture of international speaker Father Joseph C. Martin at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732) 356-1082

## CDC stats support church's program

**PERTH AMBOY**—Teens are making a commitment to refrain from sexual activity until marriage at the Cathedral-Second Baptist Church. Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a report which disclosed a substantial departure from the increasing rates of sexual intercourse among adolescents that began in the 1970s.

This is the second year the church has sponsored the event which calls for parents and teens to take part in training classes which prepares them for the ceremony and the challenge of saying no to sex before marriage.

"Teens participating in programs such as this attributes to the latest trends reported by CDC. We rejoice in minister stand with our teen boys and girls when they proudly say to the congregation and to their peers...we vow to stay abstinent," stated Bishop Donald Hilliard Jr., senior pastor of The Cathedral-Second Baptist Church, one of the largest churches in New Jersey.

## Local choir brings joy and hope over the world with the songs of the lord



Minister Gary Samuels and The United External Voices in Christ are taking the gospel music scene by storm. The group has toured all over the country and world spreading the message of Christ.

The United External Voices in Christ is a multi-cultural, interdenominational, intergenerational Full Gospel Choir, dedicated to spreading the Gospel throughout the nation. The United External Voices in Christ is a collaborative effort between The Eternal Light Community Singers and The United in Christ Fellowship Singers. The choir has been in existence for less than one year, yet has taken part in a variety of concerts and special events.

The choir debuted at the World Famous Apollo Theater for the tenth anniversary of the Booker T. Washington Learning Center. On December 6, 1997, the choir debuted in their first full solo concert under the direction of Minister Gary Samuels and Clinton Sanders. They have also appeared in concert with Rev. John P. Kee, Minister Donald Malloy and the Revival Temple Mass Choir for the Annual Gospel Music Awards for J & J Productions in New Jersey, as well as ministering to the residents of the Rose M. Singer Correctional Facility at Rikers Island.

The choir has the privilege to sing at Riverbank State Park in their annual "Tribute to the King" celebration

honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which was hosted by radio personality Rev. Paul Stevens. In honor of Black History Month, the choir again was afforded the opportunity to sing at Riverbank State Park as well as sponsor their first annual "Heritage Award and Gospel Extravaganza" where the honorees included State Assemblyman The Honorable Keith L.T. Wright; Dorothy P. Hughes, Harlem business entrepreneur; The Rev. Leroy Ricketts, founder of the Booker T. Washington Learning Center and Our Legacy Lady Child Care Programs in New York and New Jersey.

The United External Voices in Christ concerts are power packed, filled with a rich music heritage. They sing songs of the Negro Slaves,

and the civil rights struggle. It is blended all together with the house rocking sounds of traditional and Contemporary Gospel. Organized by faith, taught by humility, and kept together by love, they accept the call of Christ to share joy through song. With a renewed spirit and a desire to bless those that hear their music ministry, The United External Voices in Christ travels into places where ministry is needed. Singing original and newly arranged compositions their music is a complete blend of harmony, dynamics, and orchestrated beauty. The United External Voices in Christ is composed of preachers, teachers, evangelists, deacons, ushers, husbands and wives, and children, and everyone that loves the lord.

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## Let's choose to be healthy

by Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Many people believe that health is the absence of physical symptoms, for me health is about being at one with your environment, being at one with your God, being at one with yourself. Health is not just physical, health is mental and emotional as well. Health is very much tied to one's mental and emotional state. That is why it is so important to think positive thoughts, to do positive deeds, to do greater acts of service, to speak kinder words to yourself. Health is not just about your physical body, it's about your mental and emotional body as well," said Dr. Andrea Sullivan, Naturopathic Physician.

We are in a health crisis in this country. Africans in America suffer disproportionately higher rates of life threatening conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, addiction, cancer and HIV/AIDS. When you add the depression, frustration and anger which trigger the abuse, homicide and escalating suicide rates, the implications of negative health are mind boggling. We are literally killing ourselves.

The stresses of living in a thoroughly racist society have not abated. Despite preposterous assertions that America is a color-blind, equal opportunity society the facts tell a decidedly different story. Our dilemma is confronting and dealing with the hypocrisy and obvious contradictions between rhetoric and reality.

Divine Intelligence and Energy permeate our total being. How can we be inferior or less than? Inferior to whom, to what? How can we be overwhelmed or overmatched when we have access to Divine Intelligence and Power?

We are spiritual beings clothed in physical bodies. As such, it is our responsibility to keep our bodies united in harmony with the indwelling spirit and intelligence. The best way to do this is to give it plenty of water, fresh, wholesome foods, adequate rest, relaxation and recreation, and by thinking, speaking and adopting a lifestyle consistent with being the custodian of the vehicle that houses a spark of God.

## Music producer putting gospel in the spotlight

A testimony from Minister Donald Malloy, Praise Fellowship Music Ministries

### HACKENSACK

John Rogers decided back in 1992 to fulfill his dream of becoming a gospel promoter. It started with a desire to do something for his pastor, the late Rev. Richard H. Puryear, so he planned a musical program with the theme "Gospel In Song."

With special guests like Rev. Milton Biggam and the late Bishop Jeff Banks the program took off to the glory and honor of God. Two years later it was incorporated and it's been on the move ever since. These gospel programs are spiritually inspired and family oriented because of it's gospel, and gospel means Good News and Glad Tidings.

For the past five years, Rogers has presented Gospel music at it's best with such artists as Ms. Lorraine Stancel, the late Selwyn Rawls, Eternal Light Community Singers of New York City, Elder Timothy Wright and the Concert Choir. Minister Donald Malloy, Rev. Milton Biggam, Rev. John P. Kee and New Life Community Choir.

One of the first programs given by Rogers was a benefit to feed the homeless and from that day until the present, he has been feeding hundreds who are starving for words of inspiration that is delivered to us in song. These programs with their songs of inspiration and hope has sustained many under stress and hurting heart and has helped to dry many tearful eyes. Rogers realizes that everything that he does is Christ centered and focused on the joy that Gospel music brings to the people. With an unmistakable twinkle in his eye and a serious but gentle speech, he gains the respect of his local peers as well as the "Superstars" of Gospel music.

To be used by God, is a statement he readily accepts, for he always thinks of others before he thinks of himself, and has devoted his time and talents to bring to all of you the very best in gospel by some of the most talented in business and the best from the local churches,

### Gospel Music Producer John Rogers

Rogers makes it his first order of business to treat each choir and soloist as someone important. With high accolades you are guaranteed a concert of the highest magnitude whether seeing a local choir or as well known recording artist.

Rogers has produced Gospel programs for the City of Hackensack, New Jersey's 300th Anniversary; New Jersey's 75th Anniversary; New Jersey's Division 36th Veterans Association. The programs are set up by the charity or organization to work with the theme of the program for the benefit of our Tri-State area. The programs produced by Gospel In Song Inc., has been a pleasant experience. In this world nothing comes easily except salvation. Working to bring joy to others, encouraging words for those around us, promises. Promoting concerts is not an easy job, working with publicists, photographers, but his focus is turned towards God, approved by Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Ghost. John faces all disappointments with a smile and still bears an encouraging word for those around.

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# Health Calendar

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

**BELLE MEAD**—The Carner Foundation will provide free screenings for depression and anxiety at the library beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 281-1513

**NEWARK**—Both Israel Hospital will hold a seminar on depression amongst women and men beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 926-7024

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

**CLARK**—The Clark Library will offer courses to be certified in CPR procedures at the library beginning at 9:30 a.m. (732) 388-5959

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

**TEANECK**—Holy Name Hospital's Department of Rehabilitative Services will hold a seminar for the United States and Children Society beginning at 10 a.m. (201) 833-3085

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield Health Mothers/Babies Coalition will hold a seminar for the United States and Children Society beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 699-0944

**RAHWAY**—The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a community blood drive at the Masonic Lodge/Lodge beginning at 9 a.m. 1-800-256-6565

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

**JERSEY CITY**—The American Cancer Society will hold its fifth annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K walk at Liberty State Park beginning at 11 a.m. (201) 507-9500

## Officials promote awareness for sickle-cell

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Assemblyman Jerry Green teamed up with local officials and health experts to launch a new Brunswick Affiliated Hospitals (NBAAH) Blood Center to donate blood and educate the public about the need for blood donors—specifically for African-American descent—to help people affected with sickle-cell disease.

Sickle-cell disease is an inherited disorder of the red blood cells that affects more than 80,000 people in the United States. Although sickle-cell disease is primarily found in the African-American population, Greeks, Italians, Latin Americans, and Native Americans have also been diagnosed with the disease.

While the disease is found in all nationalities, 90 percent of those suffering with the disorder are of African-American descent, said Green (D-Plainfield). "By donating blood, I hope to raise the public's awareness of how important it is for African Americans to donate blood and have their children screened for the disease."

"It's important for all new moms to be screened at birth. Sickle-cell disease can be devastating, but if detected early it can be treated."

Sickle-cell disease can cause anemia, jaundice, damage to the lungs, kidney and spleen, acute pain, and strokes. Most patients will not be cured of the disorder, but blood transfusions can help manage and prevent the pain and serious complications of the disease.

Jude Asch, MD, Acting Chief of Pediatric Hematology at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center explained why there is a need for African-American blood donors and how they help Sickle Cell patients.

Only 5 percent of the African-American population donates blood," said Dr. Asch. "Some children with Sickle-Cell Anemia need frequent transfusions. In order to minimize transfusion reactions and have the best chance of not rejecting the blood, the blood should be as closely matched as possible. The best matched blood tends to be found in persons with similar ethnic backgrounds."

Also joining Green are Senator John A. Lynch (D-New Brunswick) and New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill. Plainfield Mayor Albert McWilliams and Plainfield Councilman Harold Mitchell.

A teenager with Sickle-Cell disease, Chrystal King age 14 of New Brunswick, also attended the event.

For more information about donating blood, call (732) 937-8757.

# Celebrities gather in D.C. to fight cancer

**WASHINGTON**—General Norman Schwarzkopf, Aretha Franklin united with cancer survivors, researchers, business leaders, doctors, patients, and families to demand that the cause, the cure, and the cure of cancer be made top research and health care priorities in this country. Endorsed by more than 500 organizations, THE MARCH . . . Coming Together To Conquer Cancer is the first ever massive demonstration against cancer involving groups inside and also outside the cancer community.

"1971 President Nixon declared a 'war on cancer,' pledging to find a cure within seven years. It's 27 years later, and we are still fighting this war," said THE MARCH President and two-time cancer survivor, Ellen Sivaloff. "This is the beginning of a large, ongoing movement to prevent, treat, and cure all forms of cancer. With the commitment of the American people from all disciplines and walks of life, we will find a cure."

The impact of cancer continues to stagger in the United States alone, more than 1,500 lives are lost to cancer each day. That's equivalent to four jumbo jets crashing every day.

In addition, one in two men and one in three women will develop cancer in their lifetime, and cancer is the leading cause of non-accidental death in children under the age of 15.

THE MARCH was a broad-based collaboration among groups to bring attention to the need for greater investment in cancer prevention, research, and quality healthcare for all Americans. The Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research and the Milken Family Foundation are among the more than 500 endorsing organizations, representing millions of Americans. The convening organizations include: National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, Friends of Cancer Research, Interfaith Cancer Council, and the Association for the Cure of Cancer of the Prostate (CaPcure).

Hundreds of thousands of lives are lost each year not because we lack the technology or the human talent to conquer cancer, but because we lack the research funds to finish the job," said Sidney Kimmel, presenting sponsor of THE MARCH. "Cancer touches us all, and on this day, America spoke out in an urgent call for a new federal commitment to cancer research and



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson was one of the many demonstrators at the fight against cancer rally in Washington D.C.

Additional national endorsing organizations include: U.S. Conference of Mayors, AFL-CIO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Council of LaRaza, National Partnership for Women & Families, YMCA of the USA, American Cancer Society,

National Breast Cancer Coalition, American Association for Cancer Research, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Oncology Nursing Society, Leukemia Society of America, American Academy of Prostate, Friends of the Earth, and the National Prostate Cancer Coalition.

Dr. LaSalle Leffall, Jr., M.D., the Charles R. Drew Professor of Surgery, Howard University College of Medicine, said, "Cancer is the second leading cause of death for African-Americans. According to the American Cancer Society, African-Americans are about 30% more likely to die of cancer than whites. It is time for us all to stand together, demand access to quality care for all Americans and to respond from The National Mail with one unified voice, NO MORE CANCER."

The remarkable increase in the survival of children with cancer over the past three decades can be attributed solely to research," added Dr. Denman Hammond of the National Childhood Cancer Foundation. "If we don't make research a top priority now and ensure access to quality care, we could lose much of the progress that has been achieved."

# Raising a healthy child in today's society

By Marian Wright Edelman

Eleven million children in America are not covered by health insurance. One in five uninsured children are black—that's about 2.2 million children, and 19.1% of all black children had no health insurance in 1996. If your child is not covered by health insurance, or Medicaid, or if you know such a child, I have important information for you.

Thanks to the new state Children's Health Insurance Program, children have the opportunity to receive the medical coverage that will ensure their healthy development, and their ability to reach their potential.

However, it's important that you know that children will not receive health coverage through this new program automatically. Parents must apply for it. A lot of parents don't know about this yet, and they don't know where to go to apply or get information. It's going to take action

by concerned neighbors, community leaders, and child advocates to make sure children and families get the help they need. Here's what you need to know about how to proceed.

The CHIP program is designed to help children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford family coverage. It is the most significant funding increase for children's health since Medicaid was enacted by Congress in 1965. The program provides \$4 billion a year in grants for states to cover uninsured children. Almost all states and the District of Columbia are planning to offer this coverage.

In most states, a working family of four earning up to \$32,000 a year would qualify. In most states, children will receive hospital care, regular check-ups, immunizations, eye glasses, doctor visits, and prescription drug coverage.

Each state program has its own name, eligibility requirements, and range of benefits, and you'll need to

call your state to find out how to apply. If you have a computer or can use one at your local library, you can visit the Children's Defense Fund's Web site at [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) and you'll be able to get the phone number to call in your state as well as details about the benefits and costs of your state's program and what you need to do to apply, as well as a flyer on your state's CHIP program.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can call us toll-free at 1-800-CDF-1200 and press option 2. Leave a message including your name, organization, address, phone, fax, and e-mail, and the state you need to know about, and we will mail or fax you the information. Please help to spread the word about this free or low-cost health insurance for children. Tell your friends and neighbors about the Children's Health Insurance Program. You could post flyers about it in child care centers and schools, and insert flyers in your

community group or church's bulletin, newsletters, and other publications.

Families should not have to worry about whether they can afford to keep their children's immunizations up to date, whether they can afford check-ups and prescriptions, or whether a child's car infection or vision problems are "bad enough" to get attended to.

Unfortunately, not all children who need it will be covered by this program, but we're going to keep working with lawmakers and policy makers in Washington around the country until every one of the 11 million uninsured children in America can have access to the care they need. Meanwhile, please make sure to apply as soon as possible so your family needs this insurance and let others know about it too. Together we can try to make sure that every child in this country gets the medical care and healthy start in life that he or she needs and deserves.

# Hospitals reach out

**IRVINGTON**—Referrals are now being taken for the county-wide Telephone Reassurance Program. Funded through a grant from the Essex County Division on Aging, this no-cost program at Irvington General Hospital is available to all Essex County residents age 60 and older who would benefit from telephone support contact on a daily basis.

Each caller is trained to offer words of support, check on their physical and emotional well-being, and to contact emergency services if needed. Calls are made at a time which is agreeable to both parties.

If you or anyone you know is in your building or neighborhood lives alone and has no family living nearby, the staff at Irvington General Hospital can reach out and check on their well-being and offer a friendly voice. For more information, or to make a referral, call Celia Kearney, Coordinator of Community Programs, at 973-399-6409.

Irvington General Hospital, located at 893 Chancellor Avenue, is an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

# Commissioner launches statewide health program

**ATLANTA CITY**—Citing influenza and pneumococcal diseases as the fifth leading cause of death for New Jersey seniors, Health and Senior Services Commissioner Len Fishman today came to the first adult immunization clinic held inside an Atlantic City casino to urge seniors statewide to "get the flu shot and the pneumo shot" this fall.

Flu and pneumonia are ruthless killers of older adults, together claiming the lives of nearly 2,000 New Jersey seniors each year," Fishman said. "We are fortunate to have very effective vaccines but we need to do a better job of reaching seniors immunized."

To kickoff this effort, the commissioner unveiled a statewide educational campaign targeting both seniors and health care providers. The campaign, through its slogan and supporting materials, urges seniors to "Get the Flu Shot & the Pneumo Shot." It also encourages physicians and other health care providers to offer vaccinations to their patients ages 65 and older. The commissioner made the announcement at Trump Taj Mahal Hotel & Casino which, along with Bally's Park Place Casino and Tropicana Hotel & Resort, this week became the first casinos in New Jersey to host immunization clinics.

The clinics were sponsored by the health, the department, the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey (PRONJ), the Atlantic County and Atlantic City Health Departments, Atlantic County Division of Interdepartmental Services, Atlantic City Medical Center, Shore Memorial Hospital and Mercer Vaccine. More than 1,000 shots were expected to be given to seniors at the casino clinics.

Joining Fishman at the recent announcement were State Senator Bill Gormley, Atlantic County Executive Richard Squires, Atlantic City Council President Rosalind Norrell-Nance and Ron Altman, Principal Clinical Coordinator of PRONJ.

"The 'Get the Flu Shot & the Pneumo Shot' campaign includes educational senior centers, senior organizations and health care providers. The Department of Health and Senior Services and PRONJ are also working with doctors, hospitals, nursing homes, local boards of health, visiting nurse associations, and business and community organizations to make the announcement at Trump Taj Mahal Hotel & Casino which, along with Bally's Park Place Casino and Tropicana Hotel & Resort, this week became the first casinos in New Jersey to host immunization clinics.



# about Muhlenberg's Caregiver Seminar

The AdultCare Program at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center will sponsor a FREE six-part caregiver information and support seminar.

**Aging: Issues for Those Who Care**  
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October 14 - 30, 1998

Muhlenberg's Adult Medical Day Care Center

Pre-registration is required. Supervision for disabled elders will be provided. For more information or to register, call (908) 668-2328

A generous grant from The Grotta Foundation has helped make this program possible

The Adult Medical Day Care Center at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center provides care, support, companionship and counseling for elderly and handicapped adults who require supervision during daytime hours. Enrollment is now open. For more information call the Adult Medical Day Care Center at (908) 668-2328.



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## Beautifying your home at the push of a button

MINNEAPOLIS (ARA) — Technology can do wonderful things these days. One of the nicest, if you're a cyberspace traveler, is helping you find the right wallpaper pattern for your decorating project — FAST. You may want to scan floral patterns, or you may have a pattern in your imagination and want to know if it exists...and if so, where do you get it? In past years you would have gone to a wallpaper store, (or several) browsed through dealer sample books, and with any luck found a suitable pattern. Today, a quick trip to [www.wallpaperguide.com](http://www.wallpaperguide.com) allows you to select a subject/category and quickly find wallpaper patterns that match your interest.

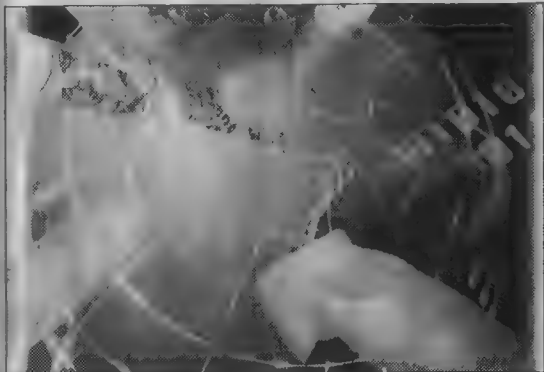
Jim Trickey, president and founder of "The Wallpaper Guide," considered that the prime consumer buyers of wallpaper work full time

and don't have the opportunity to shop for wallpaper as their mothers did. "More consumers now have access to the internet and can search through wallpaper samples at home during the evening hours," states Trickey. After helping you locate the appropriate pattern, The Wallpaper Guide points the way to local stores that carry the product. Simply type in your zip code, and voila! You've got local dealer information at your fingertips.

You can print out the pattern and hit a hyperlink to a store's own home page to retrieve an address, phone number and directions to the location. The benefits are obvious, with a minimum of effort, you can go directly to the store that has the pattern you want and avoid the frustrating "hit-or-miss" results of shopping at several stores. "While helping consumers locate

the right product is our primary goal, we don't want to stop there," adds the president of The Guide. "People embarking on decorating projects inevitably have questions, so we provide links to practical how-to demonstrations, such as 'Decorating With Borders.' A Products and Services link also offers helpful products, such as videos on 'How to Hang Wallpaper.' Other wallpaper publications are also available to help you gather the information you need to decorate your home."

So, whether you are looking for wallpaper borders with trailing green ivy for a kitchen corner or space rockets for your son's room, head to your computer. Type in [www.wallpaperguide.com](http://www.wallpaperguide.com) and select the appropriate pattern subject. It's a treasure hunt that's likely to end with the perfect payoff adorning your wall!



## The art of the meal goes beyond your table setting

MINNEAPOLIS (ARA) — When you're planning your next dinner party, along with finding the freshest produce and most elegant center piece, consider spicing up your dining room or kitchen walls with what Minneapolis artist, Pamela Luer refers to as her "Gourmet Art."

After all, a sumptuous meal is as much about presentation as it is about taste. Perhaps this is why today's gourmet books — amateur and professional alike — are taking to heart the maxim that a successful meal is both menu and venue. And why artists, like Luer, are finding a welcome home — both in big corporate restaurants like Bakers Square and in intimate family kitchens like those of Pam Wagner — for their work.

"I was looking for something that made a statement — that would immediately get your attention by saying this is a place that deals with food," explains Wagner, whose newly remodeled kitchen is adorned with a larger-than-life (four foot by three foot) pastel still life of fresh soups, garlicky, and vine-ripe tomatoes created by Ms. Luer. The intensity of Pam's colors blew me away."

Luer hasn't always painted such large-scale Gourmet Art for restaurants and individual collectors. Still, as an artist, she had long known that her medium — pastel on sandpaper — lent itself to vibrant recreations of fruits and vegetables.

Luer actually began "living large" after a chance meeting in a Mailbox Etc. with restaurant designer Jeff Thompson, president of Minneapolis-based Entertainment. After glimpsing smaller originals of her work for greeting cards, Thompson asked Luer if she could bump up the average size of her paintings from inches to feet.

"She looked at me like I was crazy," Thompson recalls, "but then she took my business card and said she'd get back to me." When Luer found she could secure sandpaper in the appropriate sizes, she contacted Thompson who immediately commissioned four pieces for Harrah's Casino, which has restaurants in Memphis, Kansas City, and several other metropolitan locations.

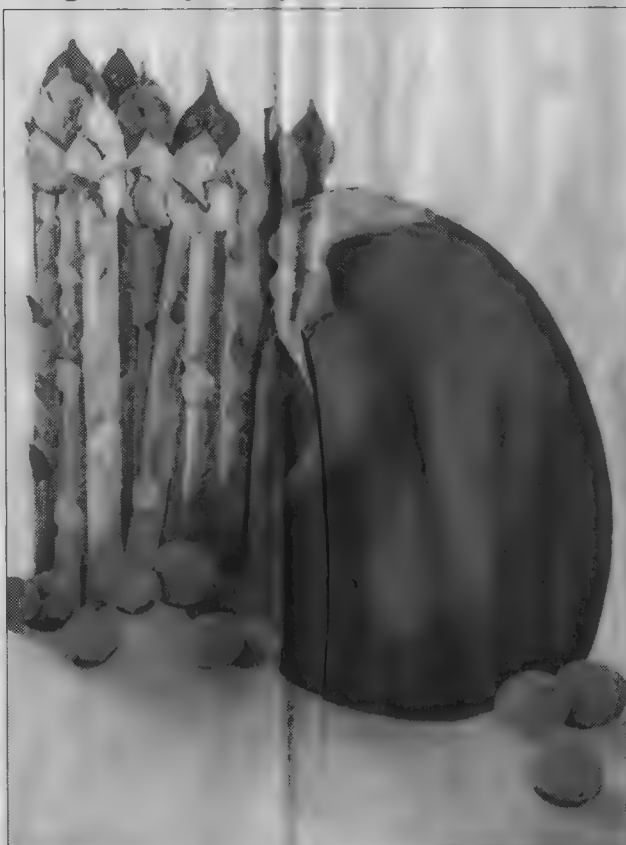
"Pam did one of an eggplant and asparagus that was four-feet by five-feet. It was spectacular," said Thompson, adding that the painting hangs in a 500-seat buffet called Fresh Market Square.

Luer's move to a larger format has been well received by individuals such as Wagner as well. "Pam shared a piece with me that she had painted for a restaurant," Wagner notes. Feeling as though the size and subject matter provided the perfect focal point for her recently remodeled kitchen, she asked Luer to create a custom piece.

As she does with all her clients, Luer began by discussing the project in detail with Wagner. In addition to size, content, and location, they reviewed the room colors. "Colors are an important parameter to start from," Luer explains. "It's also helpful to have an idea of the lighting, and how far away people are likely to be when they view my work."

Toilet Luer's paintings range in size from 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch (for a Bakers Square pie menu) to six feet by three feet. When discussing content, she says her clients are either very specific about what they want, as was Wagner, a lover of Italian and Mexican cooking, or wide open to her suggestions. Luer first offers a sketch for clients to review. Then, upon approval, begins the full-size (or over-sized) Gourmet Art painting.

Luer, who counts fellow Wisconsinite Georgia O'Keeffe among her influences, seems pleased by the surging national interest in the fruits (and vegetables) of her labors. "I have this T-shirt that says, 'Good Art Doesn't Match Your Sofa,' which I think is hilarious. But these days, I'm tempted to add a P.S.: 'But it can match your dinnerware'.



"Gourmet art," such as this original painting by Minneapolis artist Pamela Luer, is spicing up corporate restaurants and family kitchens.

## Consumer Column

### Inexpensive ways to spruce up the exterior of your home

MINNEAPOLIS (ARA) — Bringing new life to the exterior of your house doesn't have to be a major undertaking, requiring extensive re-lanscaping or painting. Small projects and additions can transform the appearance of your home, giving it a fresh, clean look.

"There are a variety of quick, inexpensive spruce ups that can make a notable difference," states Louise Madlem, marketing manager for Wright Products, America's #1 manufacturer of storm and screen door hardware. She offers the following suggestions:

- Paint your front door and/or trim. Pick a new accent color that draws attention to your entryway. From classic to adventurous, this is a great way to give your house a whole new character.

- Upgrade your door fixtures. "Many of our customers are surprised how much a designer storm door latch or lock can add to the appearance of their home," notes Madlem. "Our Accents line is especially popular because the brass-colored electroplated finish offers the beauty of solid brass with the durability of the best acrylic coatings. Changing your storm door latch is an opportunity to upgrade the safety of your home as well, as we offer several deadlock accessories that complement our latches."

- Change or expand your outdoor lighting. Whether you select new light fixtures to frame your front door or add landscape lights along your front walkway, lighting can make a dramatic change in your home.

- Invest in a few ceramic pots and fill them with flowers and/or plants. Place them on your porch, among your bushes, wherever they can add a splash of color or life.

- Can visitors easily identify your house? Creative selection and placement of your address numerals is both practical and decorative.

- Special delivery? How about a new mailbox? Again, this is a great opportunity to personalize a necessary house accessory.

- Roll out the welcome mat. Often overlooked, but always useful, your doormat can express your sense of style and warm the entry to your home.

Based in Rice Lake, Wis., Wright Products creates and produces America's premier line of latches, handles, deadlocks, closures and miscellaneous components for storm and screen doors. From stylishly ornate to classic or contemporary, Wright products are used by more than 90 percent of America's storm and screen door manufacturers. For more information about their designer latches and locks, call (800) 972-2792, or look for their products in leading home center and hardware stores.

For more information, contact Louise Madlem, Wright Products, 715/234-7077, or Jim Shultz, Ad Comm, 612/881-1847.

For more information on Luer's work, call (612) 925-1948.

## Trick those goblins with healthier halloween treats!

MINNEAPOLIS (ARA) — When ghosts and goblins come knocking on your door this Halloween showing "Trick or Treat," you can do both. Offer them a nutritious treat that will trick their taste buds and satisfy even the biggest candy monsters.

Simple-serving bowls of raisins offer the same individual appeal as miniature candy bars. They're sweet and chewy and packed with natural energy.

Several food manufacturers are marketing fruit snacks shaped like

your children's favorite cartoon characters. Also available in single-serving packages, they are easy to distribute to hungry witches and warlocks. Dried banana chips and fruit rolls are other sweet alternatives.

Small packages of peanuts, trail mix or pumpkin seeds add a little crunch to the Halloween mix, not to mention granola bars. All are readily available at the local grocery store.

Fall harvests provide an abundance of apples and pears. Despite

the threat of tampering in recent years, fruit is still a healthy alternative to candy. You may wish to offer fruit to the neighborhood children you know well, reminding them to wash it thoroughly and cut it up before they eat it. Or, you may opt for single serving containers of applesauce.

Cheese and cracker snack packs are always popular and are also available with peanut butter and crackers, pretzels and cheese, etc.

Ambitious Halloween hosts may wish to make their own treats

to distribute. Flavored popcorn is quick to make and easy to divide into small servings. You can mix in one or more of the following flavors: garlic salt, seasoned salt, hickory-flavored salt, finely grated American or parmesan cheese, dry soup mix, bacon bits, or one tablespoon melted peanut butter with one tablespoon melted butter (for every two quarts of popcorn).

Mini pumpkin muffins are a unique taste treat and a great way to use up extra pumpkins.

Sugarless bubble gum is a non-

food treat that keeps kids happy and satisfies parents who worry about cavities. Other non-food treats that appeal to children include stickers, balloons, marbles, colorful pencils, shaped erasers and small plastic toys such as whistles, squirt guns, and cars.

Add a healthy twist to your Halloween treats and chances are your ghoulish visitors won't even know that they've been tricked!

## HOME

If you have something special or unique about your home, send it to

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# Making the right choice

Much like choosing a major, your job search begins with you. Your decision depends on your interests, your strengths and weaknesses and your values. Until you know these things, you won't be able to answer the question, "What do I want to do?" The first step, is self-assessment.

## First step:

### Library

The best place to begin is at the library. There are many books and on-line databases available for your usage, and it's all for free. There may be time limits for using the computer, but you can always look at books and borrow them. Review different careers and the skills and education required to excel in them.

## Second step:

### Computer

If you own a computer or have access to one, you can explore the Internet, jump on the web and download lots of resources and information about careers, the job search and employment practices, availability and trends.

## Third step:

### Career Center

There may be one of these at your school, a local college or as a state-operated job opportunity center. Check information for the phone number and times of operation. These places also have the lowdown on what it requires to perform each career, as well as how much you can earn in each career. These centers also hold career fairs where you can talk to people about their careers or other careers within their company. Check databases here and job listings also.

## Fourth step:

### Networking

Contact someone in your prospective field and ask if you can conduct an informational interview. You can also ask for feedback on your resume and develop contacts. Look for professional societies within your field of interest and join them. There is a lot of room for networking in these societies and



you can definitely learn more about your field of interest.

## Fifth step:

### Internships

The best way to get experience and learn about your chosen field at the same time is an internship. More often than not, these positions don't pay. Sometimes there is a stipend or transportation allowance. The plusses here are real-deal exposure and hands-on experience in your chosen field.

Most importantly, you must assess your skills and interests. Match them with career possibilities, and research the education required for those fields. Figure out which fields you would like to pursue. Set up your strategic plan and begin executing it, based on a timetable. And don't forget to follow up on everything.

# Five Myths about job hunting

**Myth: It's not what you know, but who you know.**

**Fact:** Well that is true to some extent. Contacts can help you by referring you to colleagues or they can help you get an interview, but only you can win yourself a job offer.

**Myth: You are imposing on an employer when you initiate contact with him to express interest in his company.**

**Fact:** Employers are on the lookout for talent to meet their present or future needs. Being persistent will show your enthusiasm in working for that company. If you have the qualifications, he or she will be interested in meeting you, making you tops on the talent pool list.

**Myth: Employers can assess in an interview whether you are the person to do the job.**

**Fact:** It is your responsibility to communicate your qualifications. Employers are experienced in assessing candidates, but it is your responsibility to convey why you feel you are the best candidate to do their job.

**Myth: Employers will hire the person with the best job skills.**

**Fact:** This is not always true. Employers look for personal qualities as well as job skills. They want a person who will "fit in," who will be productive, who will strive for outstanding performance. Many job skills can be learned on the job, but personal qualities are more difficult to develop or change.

**Myth: All job openings are advertised.**

**Fact:** It is estimated that only 10 to 20 percent of job openings are advertised publicly. Many jobs are filled from within the company. Others are filled by the employers' informing colleagues that he has a job to fill. If you make yourself known on the job market, you may be the person the colleague recommends for his friend's job opening.

# Job vs. Career What is the difference?

What is the difference between a job and a career? Webster's New World Dictionary says that a job is a piece of work done by agreement for pay. It also says it is a task or chore; while a career is defined as a profession or occupation which one trains for lifelong. A career is a pursuit of consecutive progressive achievement. Basically, a career is something you build over a period

of time. It is a goal that you aspire to, getting there through hard work and determination. A job is more like something that just pays your bills or meets your current needs. For instance, you might have a job at a fast-food joint, but it becomes a career if you advance and grow within the company or similar types of companies. A job isn't a bad thing it can help you lead to a

career. But if you have a series of unrelated jobs, you're probably not working towards a goal or a career. For instance, you do data entry for a law firm for a couple of months, then you press clothes at the cleaners. None of these jobs are related. So they become jobs with no potential. Use jobs to build experience, to build your knowledge base and marketability for your future employers.

You can pick up on communication skills, an ability to work well with others, the ability to learn skills quickly or flexibility. Change is not a bad thing, even people who choose careers often change their mind. The important thing is to find something that is rewarding or fulfilling—something you like to do, that makes you happy. That's really what success is all about.

## Researching available job fields

# ...what's hot & what's not

There are 10 areas/field where people report they would most like to work. Check your choices again, because the job market is changing! List I details the areas most people are interested in, List II details areas where most jobs will be available in the coming years and List III details fields that will be exceedingly competitive due to lack of positions available.

## LIST I: The kind of work you want

- Professional
- Teaching
- Studio or performing arts
- Technical
- Protective services
- Clerical
- Service Work
- Government/public sector
- Military
- Crafts
- Other



## LIST II: Where most opportunities will be available

- Adult education
- Chiropractors
- Computer scientists and systems analysts
- Construction and building inspectors
- Cost estimators
- Counselors
- Engineering, science and data processing managers
- Funeral directors
- Health service managers
- Human service workers

## LIST III: Where getting a job will be hard

- Visual artists
- Reporters and correspondents
- Marketing, advertising and public relations managers
- Dentists
- Budget analysts
- Recreation workers
- Aerospace engineers
- Financial managers
- Librarians
- Radio and television announcers and newscasters

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### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### LEGAL NOTICE WOODBRIIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey on **Tuesday, October 27, 1998 at 9:00 AM** prevailing time. All bids shall be delivered by hand. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informals in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Separate sealed bids for: Kitchens, Floors, Doors & Staircase Modifications at Various Sites.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Starnes Towers located at 55 Brook Street, Woodbridge, NJ on Tuesday, October 20, 1998 at 9:00 AM.

All work incidental thereto, including but not limited to the installation of kitchen cabinetry and finishes at Starnes Towers; vinyl tile carpeting at Elm and Cooper Towers; doors and hardware at Olean and Cooper Towers; sidewalk at Olean and Cooper Towers and as required in accordance with the Project Manual.

Bids must be accompanied by a guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bond.

Bids must be accompanied by constant of surety regardless of whether a check or bid bond is submitted. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond. All Bids and consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the most recent Circular No. 570, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of The Housing Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said offices upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$50.00 payable to The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge for each set. Payment for Documents is non-refundable. Documents will not be mailed.

Bidders shall have a minimum of years 3 years experience of successful completion of similar work as this project requires.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey must submit and affirmatively certify that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action"; and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

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Separate sealed bids for: 90 Tank Abandonment/Removal at Greiner Towers (NJ32-7) and Woodbridge Garden Apartments (NJ33-1).

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Housing

Authority office located at 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, NJ on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 9:00 AM.

All work incidental thereto, including but not limited to the abandonment in place or removal of two 10,000 gallon underground heating of storage tanks as required in accordance with the Project Manual.

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Separate sealed bids for: Elevator Work - Various Sites.

A pre-bid conference will be held at Cooper Towers

located at 1422 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, NJ on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 11:00 AM.

All work incidental thereto, including but not limited to the repair and upgrade of (6) elevators located in the buildings of the Woodbridge Housing Authority known as Adams, Cooper, Olean and Starnes Towers and as required in accordance with the Project Manual.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey on **Tuesday, October 27, 1998 at 9:00 AM** prevailing time. All bids shall be delivered by hand. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informals in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

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## Head of the class: Kick this year in with the right attitude

Okay, so school's back in session and you still have summer on the brain. Getting back into the swing of studying can be an arduous feat. As homework assignments, in-class discussions, and after-school activities resume there are ways to ease your way back into the school mindset. Below are some study tips to get you on your way:

**Set your priorities:** Your friend calls and invites you with a trip to the mall. But, wait, you haven't finished your math homework and pop-quizzes are definitely a possibility. Decision time! Is wearing the best outfit to class going to get you an "A" on the math test. Determine your priorities and make the choice to do those things that are going to move you toward your goals.

**Learn to manage your time:** Make a time schedule. Plot the day of the week across the top of a page and the time of day in hour down the left hand side. Fill in a task for each hour on the time schedule. Start your week with the hour you wake up and end with the time you go to sleep. Busy students find that blocking out space for study time, sports, relaxation, parties and other activities, gives them a good idea of how to best set priorities. Think about getting an organizer or planner to help you get on the right track.

**Get to know your study style:** Do you work best in the library, at your kitchen table, or at the desk in your bedroom? Everyone has places they like to hang out, choose the place you want to hang at to get down to business-so you can bust out those straight "A's". Time spent studying should be time when you concentrate. Put a snack or drink close at hand, turn off the tunes and the TV, take the phone off the hook and get busy. The best way to concentrate is to be by yourself with no distractions.

**Set goals:** Now after you've gotten this study thing down to a science, what is it all for? In other words, what do you want to achieve? You know education is that path to bigger and better things. But what exactly do you plan to do with your education? This is a critical question. Your goals are important. Goals let you see the bigger picture, in any situation. Goals are a destination on this map called life. By writing down your goals, you can plot the steps you have to take in order to get to your destination. Make a list of five goals in your academic and social life. For example, you may list "I will attend Morehouse University" for an academic goal. Under each goal list five things you have to do to obtain that goal. For example, under the "Morehouse" goal you write, achieve a 3.5 GPA, get a 1200 on the S.A.T., talk to some Morehouse students, etc.

Look at your list often so that you can keep the big picture in mind, whenever things get tough, or you need help in setting priorities.

## Community comes together to build 'teen wellness'

By Lucy Sanchez  
Contributing writer

Teachers, community members and the youth came together to increase teen awareness on September 23, 1998 at Plainfield High School. Startling results from a 1996 survey raised the need for the "Teen Wellness" program which included a guest lecturer, a youth panel and information booths.

10% of Plainfield families live in poverty, 446 cases of chlamydia out of 1007 were teens, 112 teen pregnancies at Muhlenberg hospital, 42% of surveyed high school students in a car with someone who was drinking alcohol, 26% of ninth graders thought about suicide within the last 30 days.

When Lois O'Hara from Plainfield School Based Youth Services and other organizations such as the Plainfield Coalition, Plainfield Health Center, Muhlenberg Medical Center and Tri-County YNA received the latest statistics they searched for a way to reach the youth. They decided to bring Dr. Robert L. Johnson, director of adol-

escence and young adult medicine at UMDNJ to Plainfield as a guest lecturer.

Johnson stated families, community and the schools had the most effect on youths' mentality and behavior. Media ranked a distant five. Redirecting focus on the source of the problem and increasing a level of connectedness and warmth were several of his solutions.

"The time we're spending on drug free school zones needs to be spent on drug free homes," stated Johnson, "because that's where the problems are."

A member of the teenage panel, Heather Kane placed responsibility on the adults and the youth. The Plainfield High School senior pleaded with the members of the community to devise more interesting activities for the youth such as a movie theater, bowling alley, or a recreation center.

"Long periods of unsupervised time is the problem," stated Kane, "and something needs to be done about it! If your time is supervised you won't

have time to be on the corner, or in somebody's house or in somebody else's bed!"

The other members of the panel were Rachel Smith, Latisha Butler, Tahika McCloud and Natlie Means. They shared their experiences growing up in Plainfield and dealing with peer pressure, teenage pregnancy, drugs, violence, academic achievement as well as community support. Means, a teenage mom and a junior at Plainfield High School offered encouragement to other students as well as a bit of reality. "My life is not all that great," stated the softly spoken Means. "All I really want to do now is take care of my two kids and go to school."

Butler, a Plainfield High School graduate urged the youth to seek out help from community organizations. The college student raises her son, works part-time and deals with the trivium of college work. "A lot of time people tend to think there is nothing out there for them," stated Butler. "My son went to the teen parenting center while I was in school." They/teen parenting

center) was always there for me."

Teen sexuality and risky behavior may not be one of the easiest topics for youth to discuss with their parents therefore, the community organized alternate routes such as peer alliances and an overwhelming amount of information. Dr. Jennifer Durham, youth liaison for Plainfield Peer Educators and member of Plainfield Coalition offers such a program which the youth provide each other with pamphlets, comfort and support. They also earn up to 2.5 credits. "There are a lot of resources in the community that they may not know about with issues relating to sexuality and health," stated Durham. "If they are going through something they need to know they are not alone because Plainfield is drenched with resources that can help."

The evening ended with open discussion with the audience as they collaborated on ideas to curb unsupervised time, reduce violence and unsafe sexual practice as well as increase community and family involvement and encouragement.

## Choices: Are you making the right ones?

Everyone has to make decisions. Unfortunately, some people make better choices than others. Think about it. Every choice you make has an outcome or consequence. For example, if you decide to go to an early movie, you may save money. If you decide to hang out with friends instead of doing your homework, you may fail that math quiz.

Think back to when you were six- or seven-years-old. Someone told you when to go to sleep, when and what to eat, what to wear, what to listen to, what to watch on T.V., when to go to school...and the list goes on and on. As a child, your life is often controlled by the elders around you.

With age comes the chance to make more decisions on your own. Of course, with those decisions come the consequences. In other words, you begin to become responsible for you.

YES has a chance to meet Michael Chaney, a motivational speaker who talks to teens across the country. Michael explained that he made many choices himself.

As a former gang member, Michael may have broken the law, but his biggest downfall, was breaking his mother's heart when he was arrested for stealing

electronics equipment in connection with a gang.

Michael explained that his father often scolded his mother. As a result Michael joined a gang because he was fed up with his own family situation.

After breaking the biggest law, that love and respect of his mother, Michael decided to make a choice. He had to choose between following the gang and breaking his mother's heart. Michael decided to continue with school and eventually, he completed college. What is Michael's secret for success? He gives these tips:

1. **Raise your standards**  
For example, you're hanging with a group of teens who aren't going anywhere, yet you know you were meant for better things. It's your choice to hang-around and be influenced by negative people. Or, you can choose to surround yourself with people who are about something.
2. **Develop a positive mental attitude**  
"It doesn't matter if your family's on welfare, or your pop isn't around, your mother on drugs, you have to do what's best for you." You have the choice to decide what you will and won't become, says Michael. "If someone tells you, 'you can't,' say 'I can.' When someone tells you, 'you won't,' say 'I will!'" explains Michael. Many teens people say that teens are just "bad," and won't amount to anything. And, low and behold, many teens begin to believe this, says Michael. No matter what, what you know is right. In other words, "Go for what you know."

Life can be rough. Many times we have to be able to laugh, so that we don't cry. Taking life too seriously can weigh on that positive mental attitude. If we were to get angry everytime someone did something we didn't like, you'd probably get that permanent angry look on your face (you know the one you see peeps walking around with sometimes). If you're in tough situations, keeping things in perspective will surely help you make decisions in a cool state of mind. Becoming an adult, means having the ability to make choices. The key to being a successful adult is making the right choices.



## Wise Picks

By Uncle Wyse  
Staff writer

Okay, so what makes this music column any different from the thousands of others you read in the millions of Hip-Hop magazines? Not much, because I read the same magazines you read. There is a difference though. This column won't credit an album just because the artist might be all hyped-up by the mainstream. In addition, your parents won't trip when they see you reading the weekly picks, because we can keep it clean and read at the same time. Alright baby, lets get it on!

This week we're checking out Lauryn Hill's first solo release, and one of 1998's most waited for, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* (Ruff House/Columbia). This is an album that true Hip-Hop heads have been waiting for since she first stepped on the scene in '93 with the Fugees' debut *Blunted on Reality*. Lauryn surpassed any expectations with this album. Not only has she displayed her rap skills that have heads placing her as one of the best females artist Hip-Hop has ever seen or heard, but she shows her ability as a songwriter, producer, singer, and still maintain her political and social awareness that has made veterans like Public Enemy's Chuck D describe her as "sunlight" and a "Bob Marley (of the 21st Century)".

*The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* is bobbing with so many styles and grooves, you have songs for any mood or mode. Cuts like, "Doo Wop" and "Lost Ones" are definitely party starters. Other cuts like "I Used to Love Him", "Ex-Factor", and "Joy of My World" in Zion" show another side of Lauryn that goes deeper than bass lines and hooks. The album has featured guests such as D'Angelo and Mary J. Blige, that contribute to an already great arrangement.

Over all, the album is top quality and will prove to be one of Hip-Hop's classics. Sorry, no mic's here, no stars, or any funny rating system. Just raw and uncut truth (as I see it). A word from the Wyse: Do yourself a favor and get this album. No disappointments here. Peace.

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